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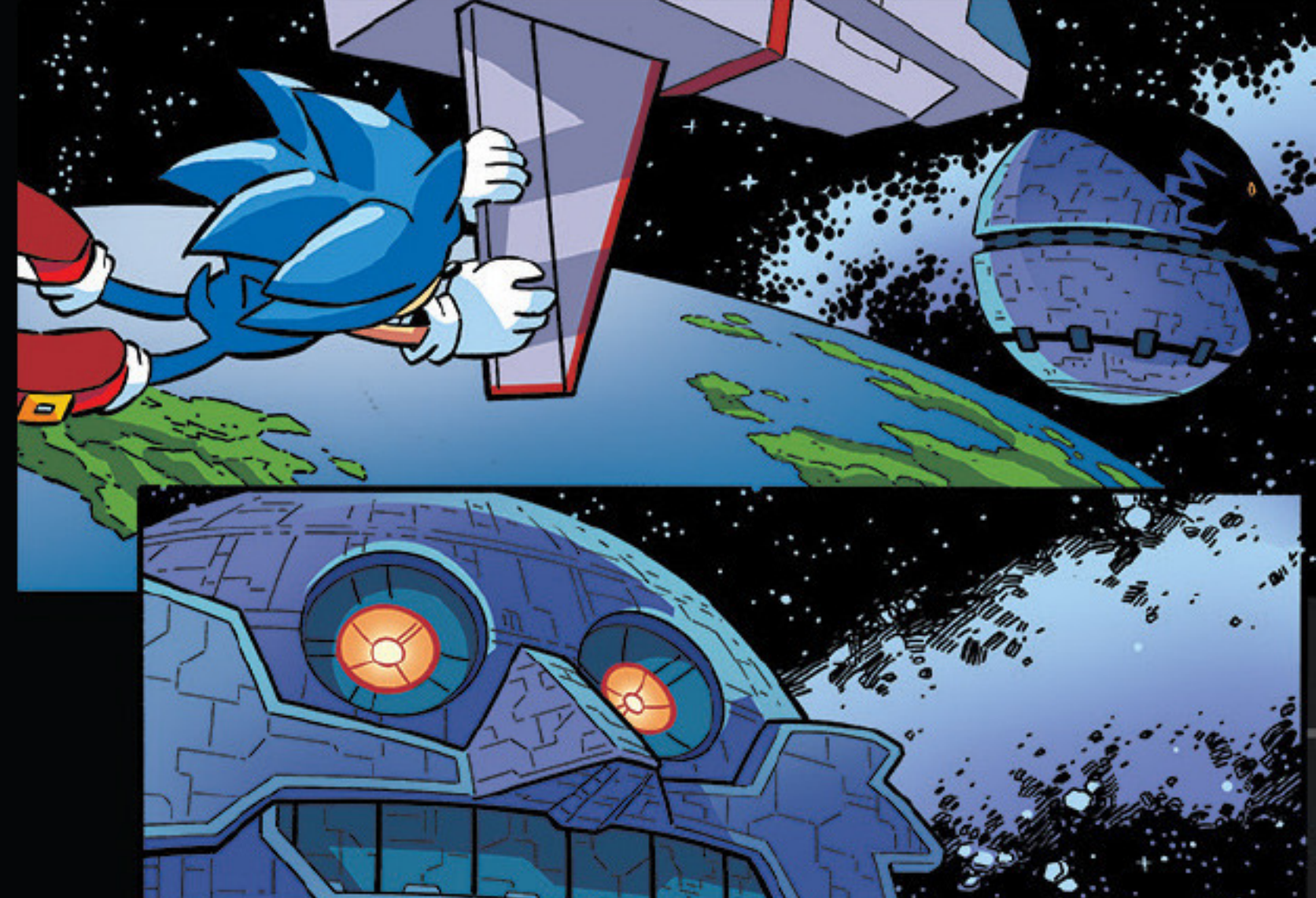
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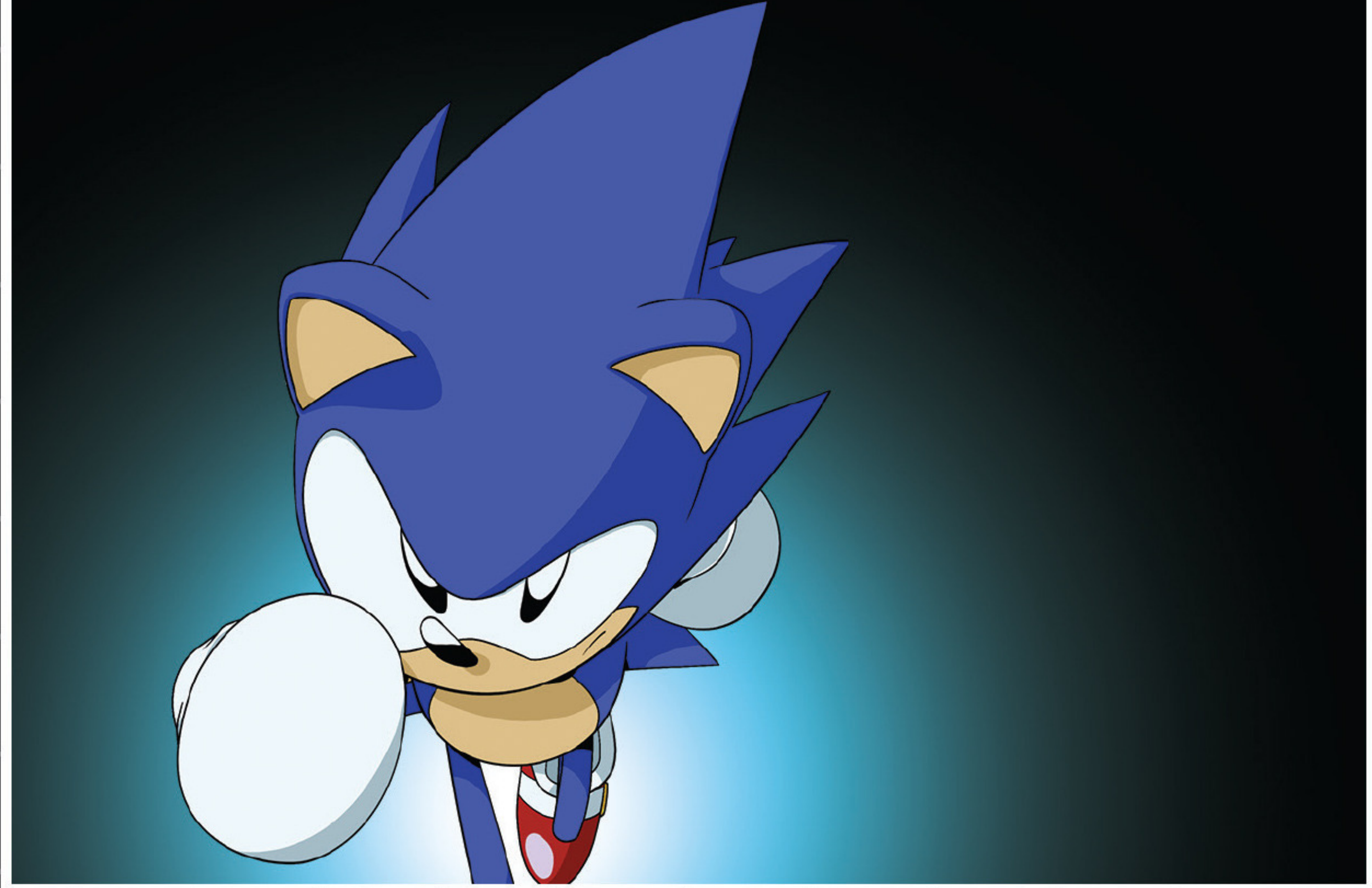
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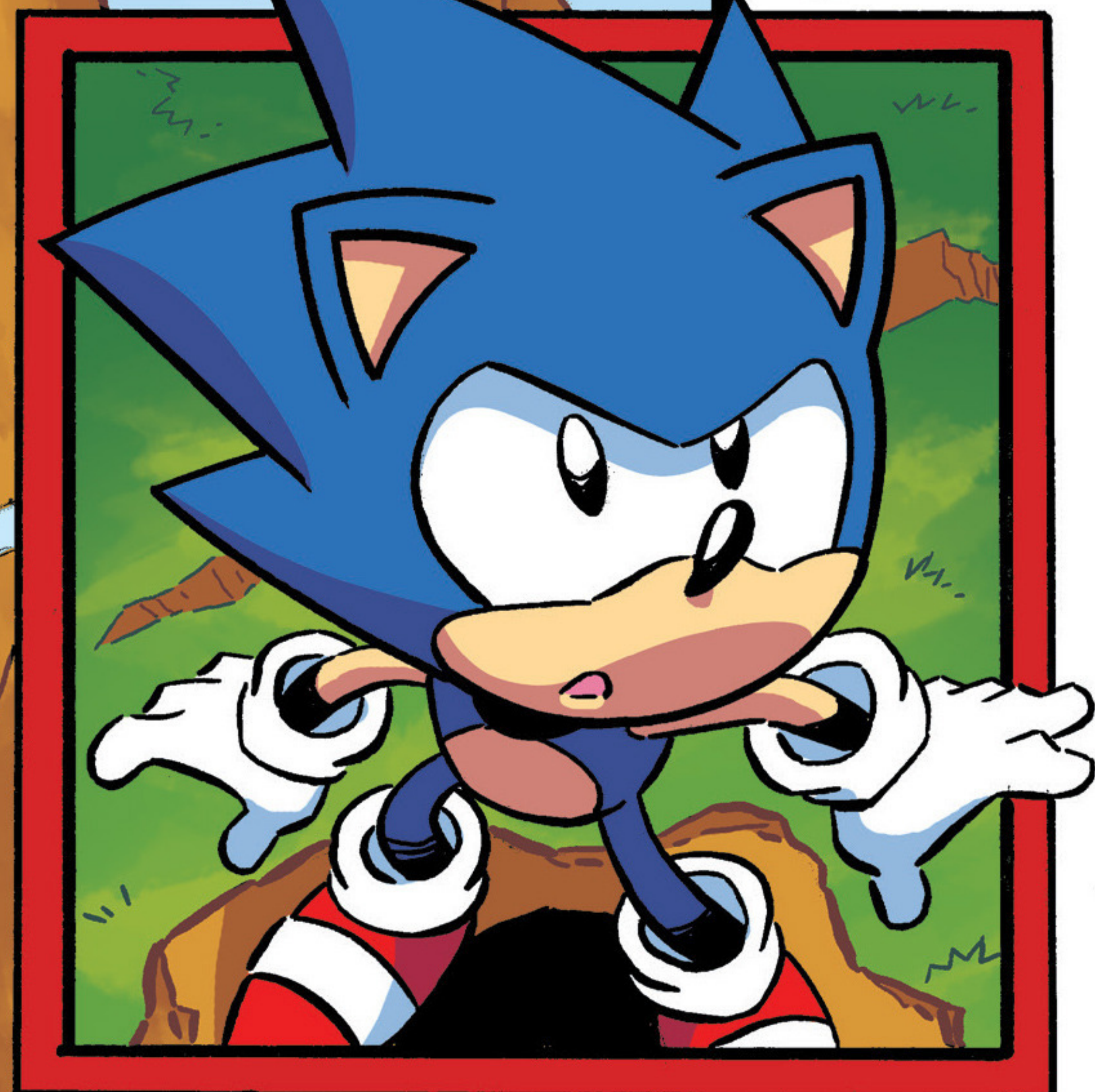
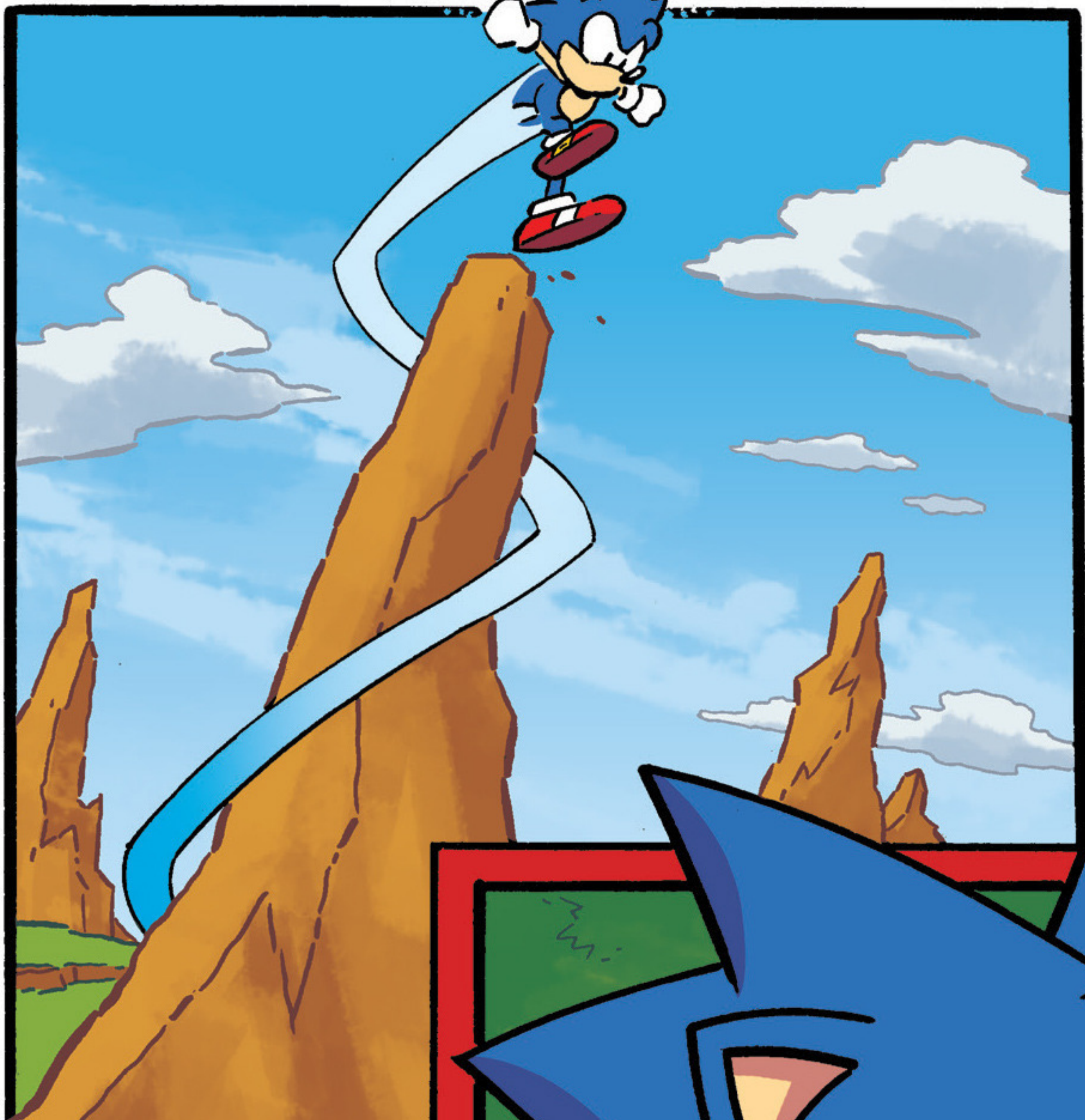
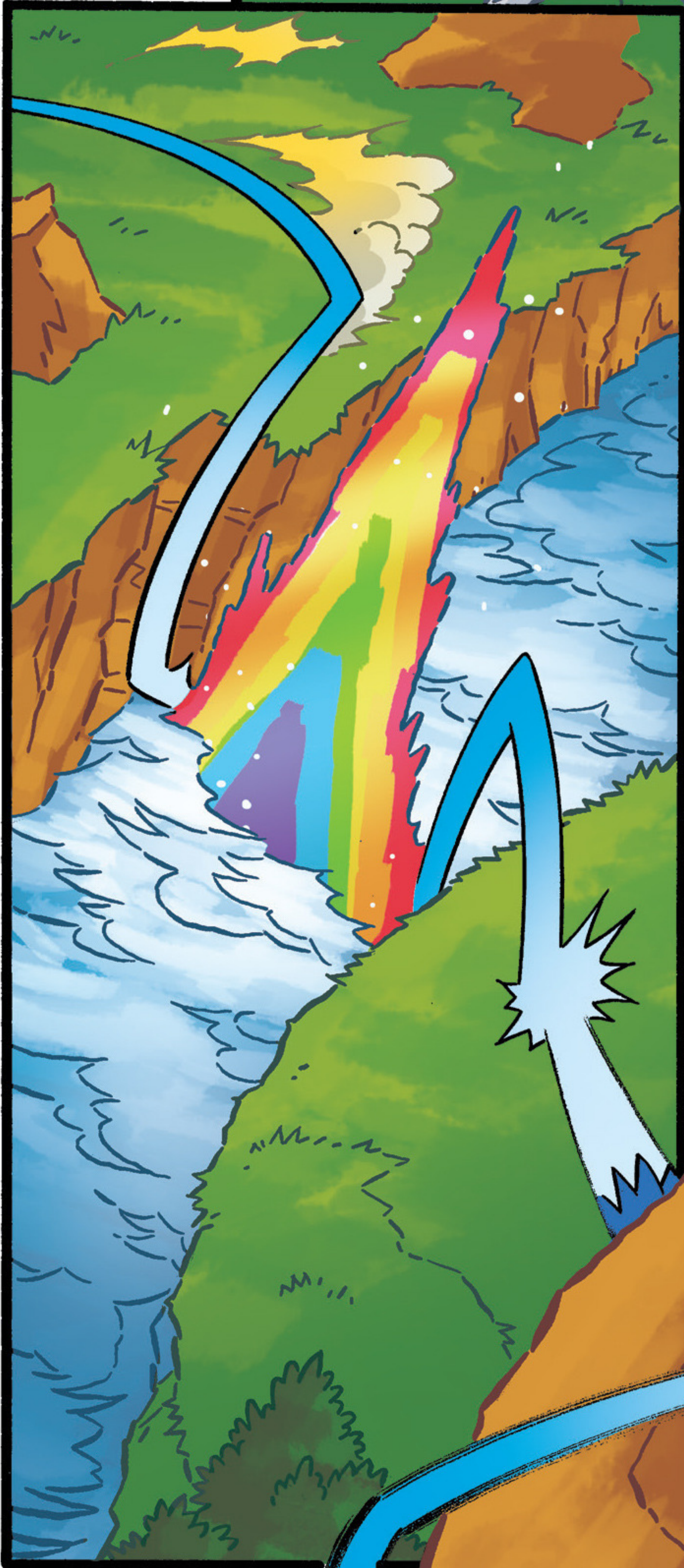
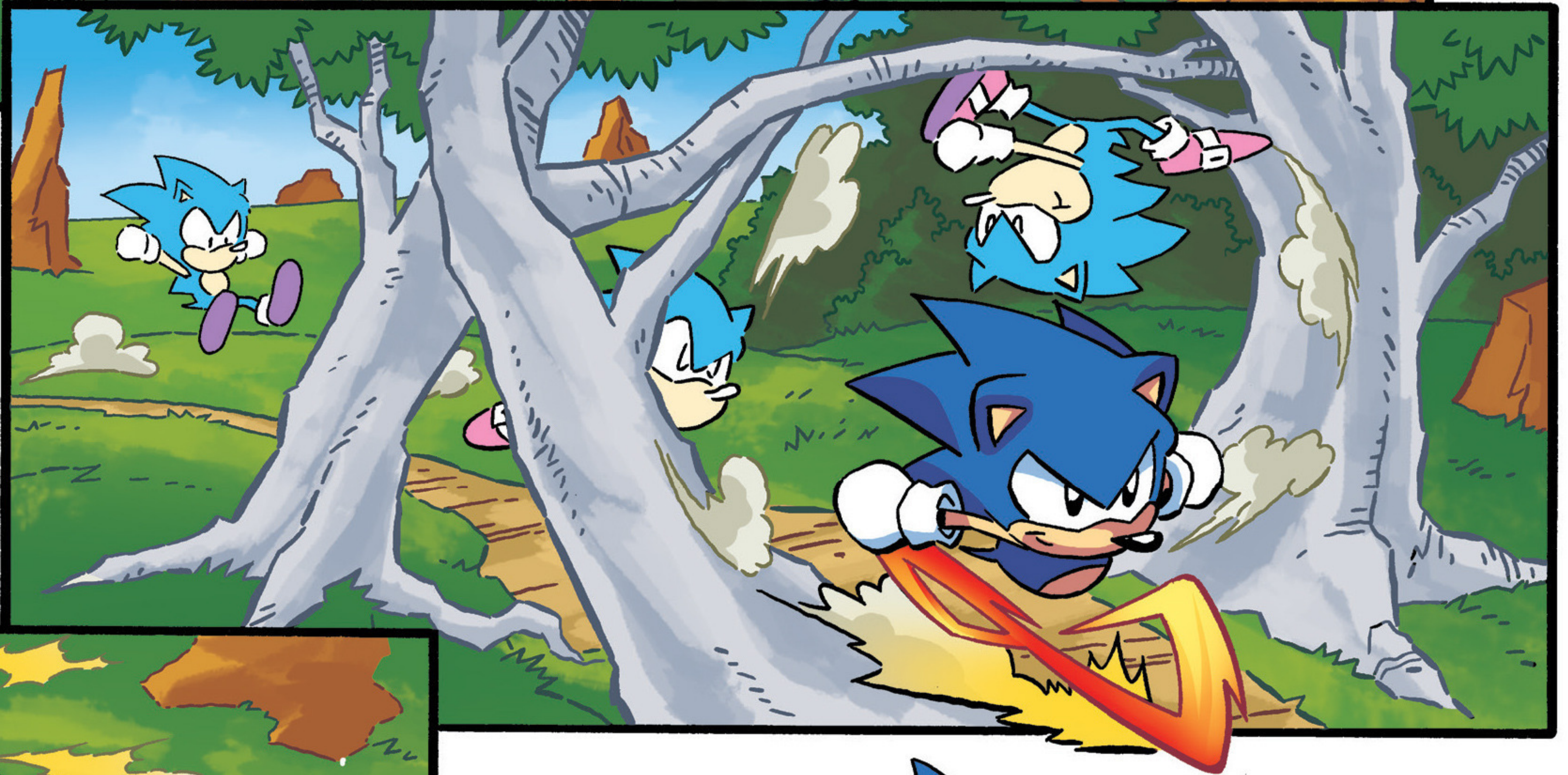
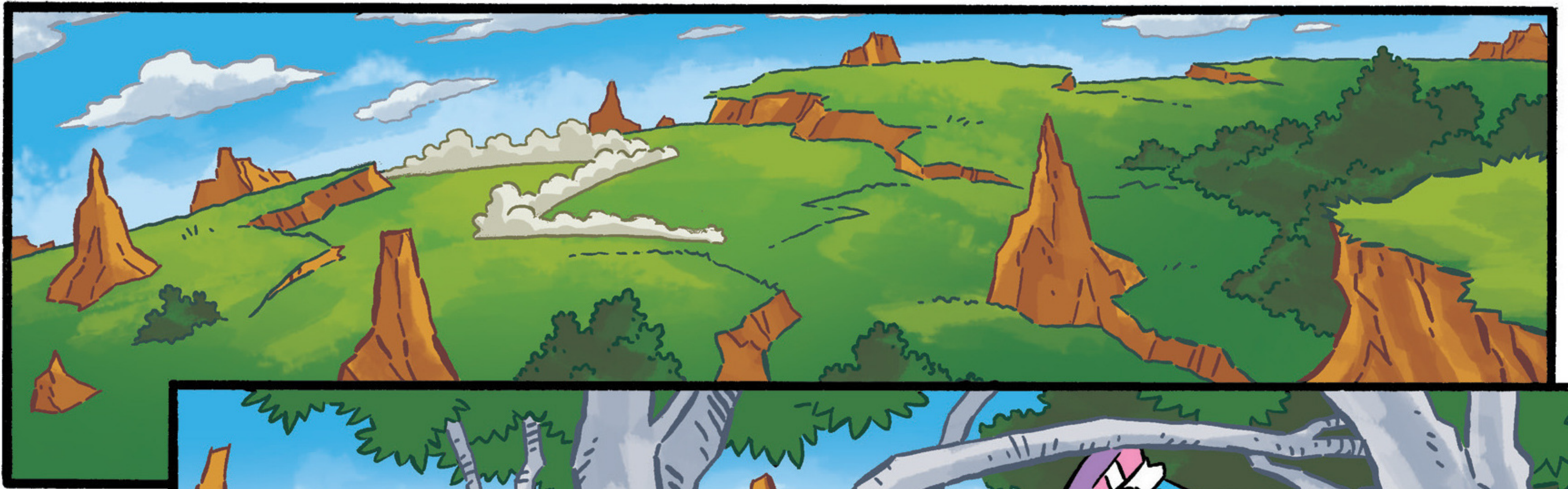
With Dr. Eggman's defeat and the apparent destruction of the Death Egg, the Kingdom of Acorn was saved! Sonic resumed his wandering ways, traveling the world and seeing its many marvels!

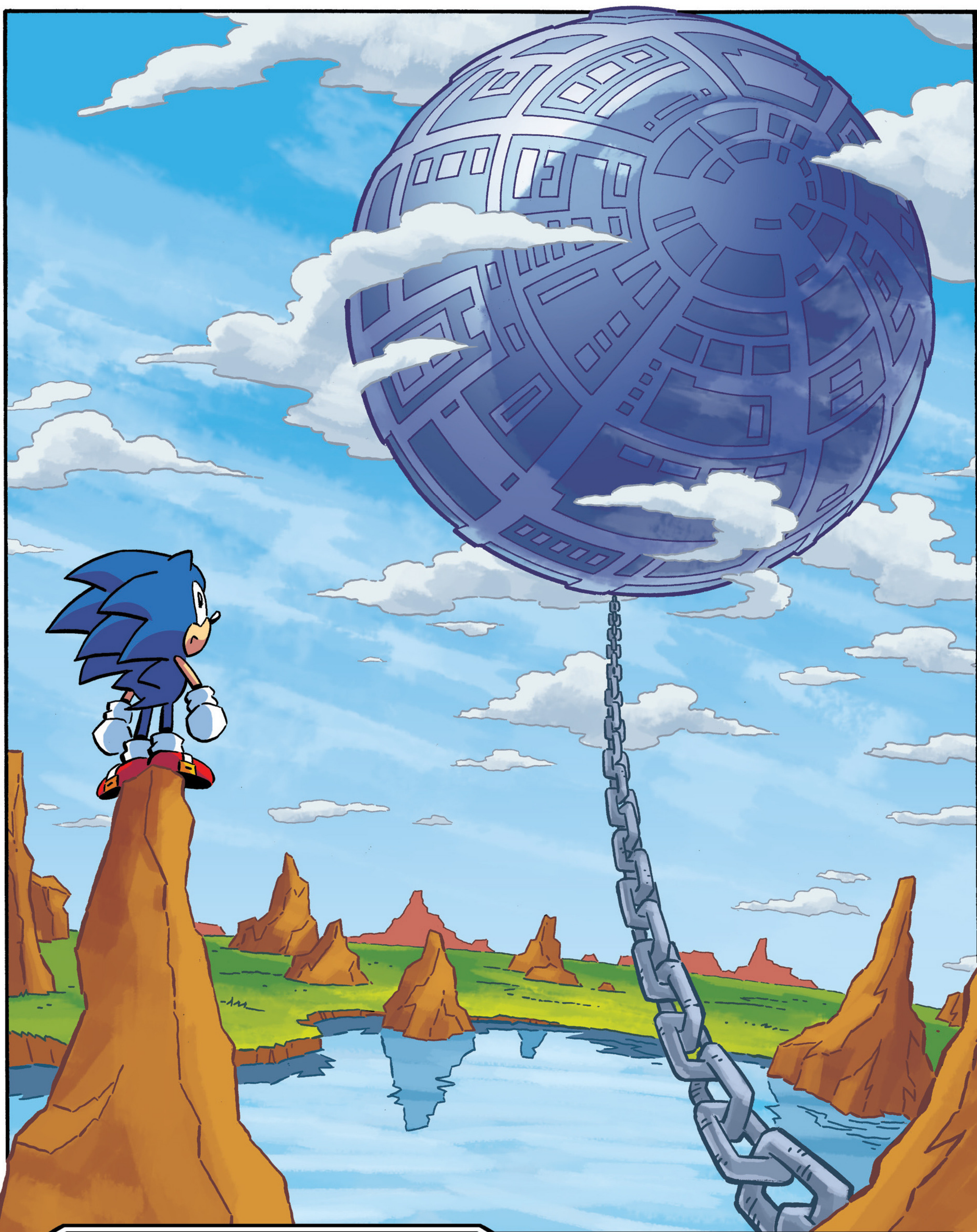


We join him now as he races towards Never Lake, and the rare wonder it hosts...



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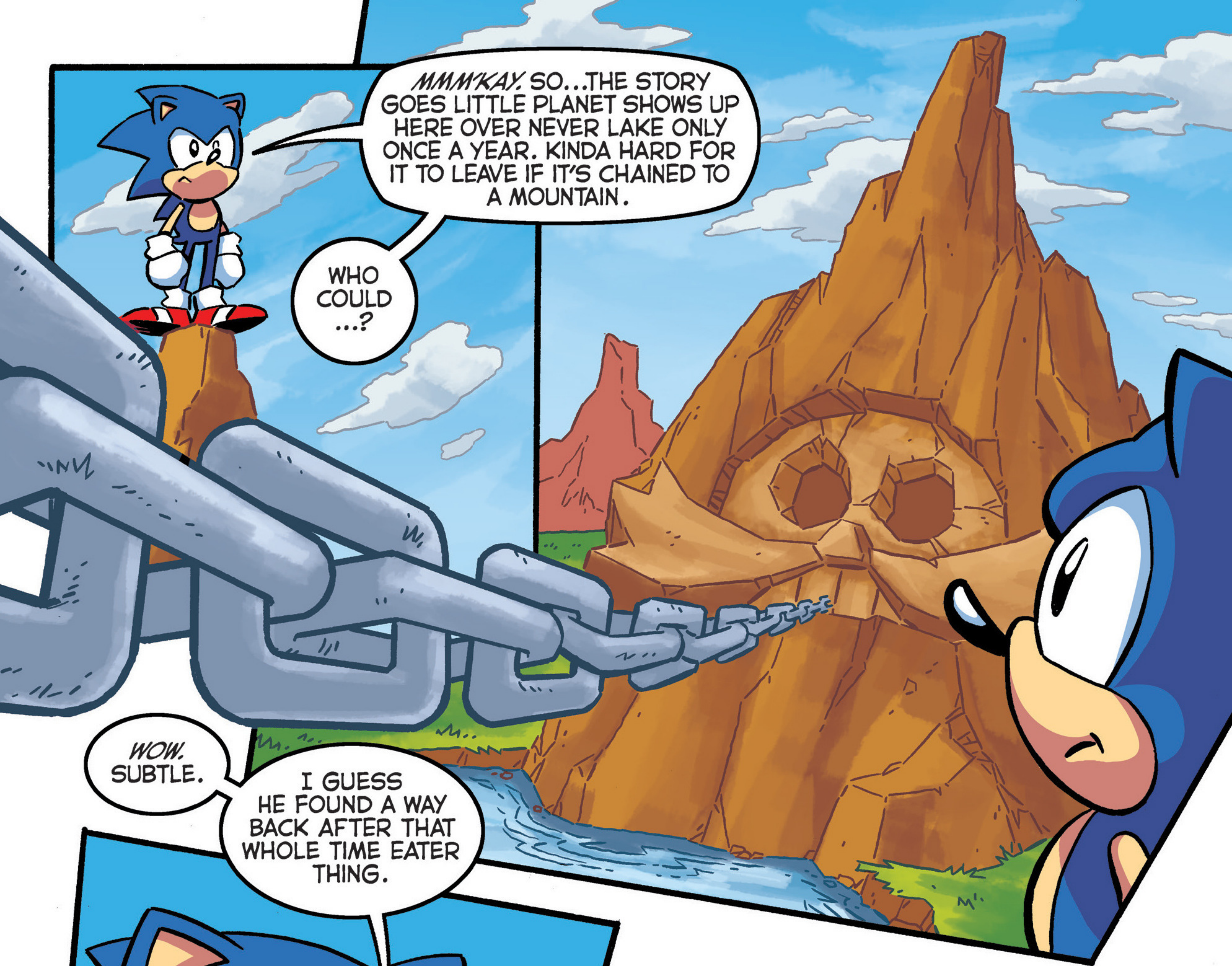


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Part Three: SONIC'S CEASE & DESIST

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MMM'KAY, SO...THE STORY GOES LITTLE PLANET SHOWS UP HERE OVER NEVER LAKE ONLY ONCE A YEAR. KINDA HARD FOR IT TO LEAVE IF IT'S CHAINED TO A MOUNTAIN.

WHO COULD ...?

WOW. SUBTLE.

I GUESS HE FOUND A WAY BACK AFTER THAT WHOLE TIME EATER THING.

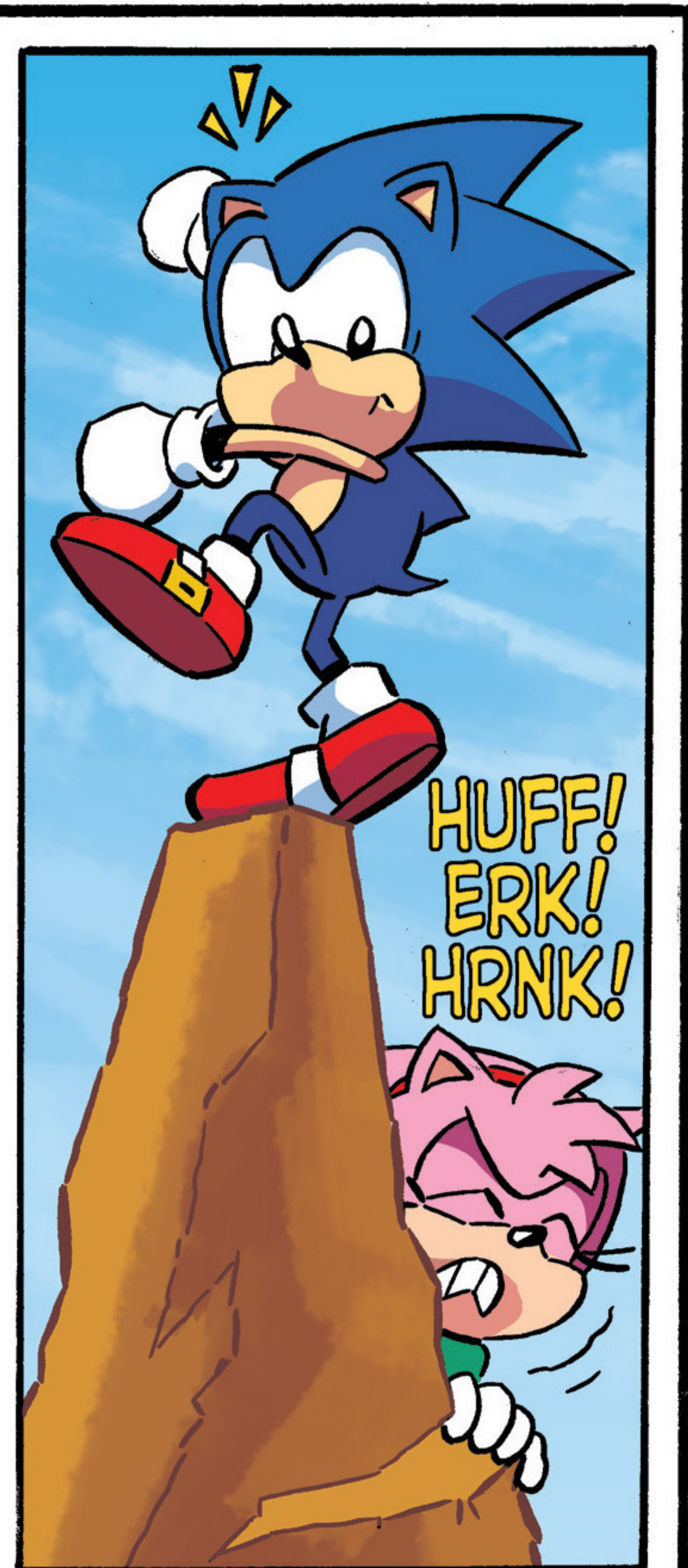


I WISH I REMEMBERED MORE OF THAT ADVENTURE. I FEEL LIKE I'M FORGETTING A HECK OF A PARTY.

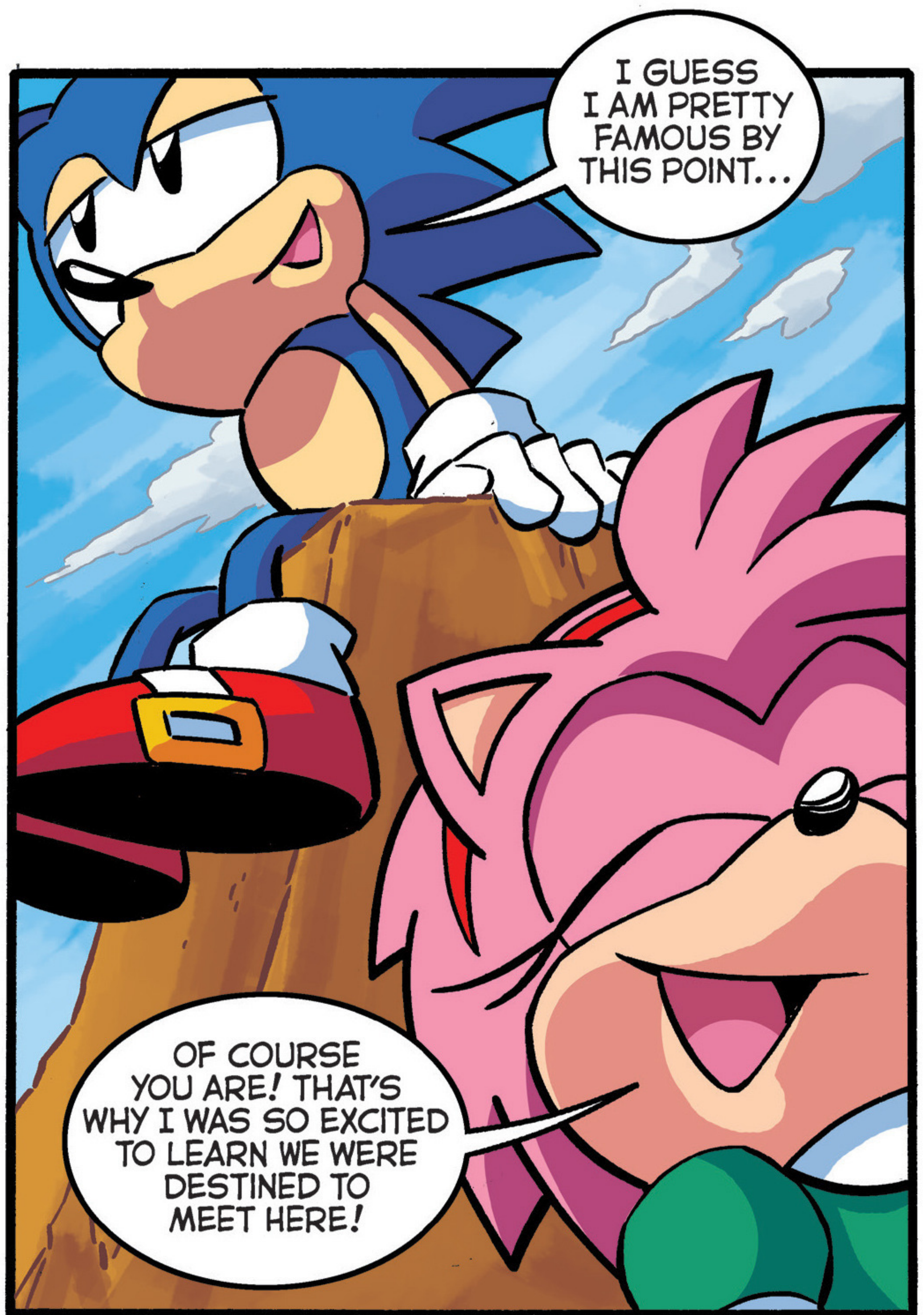
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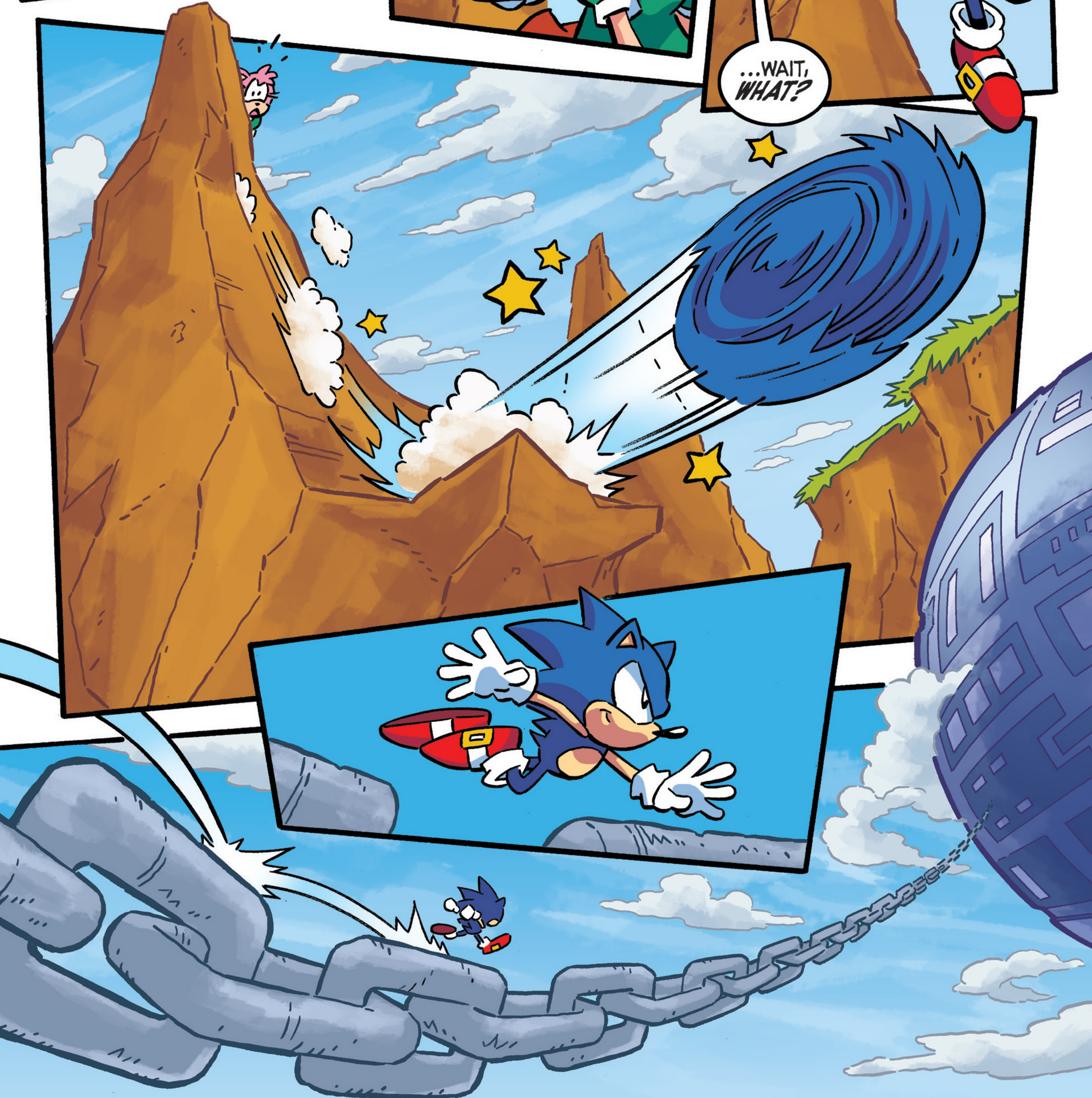


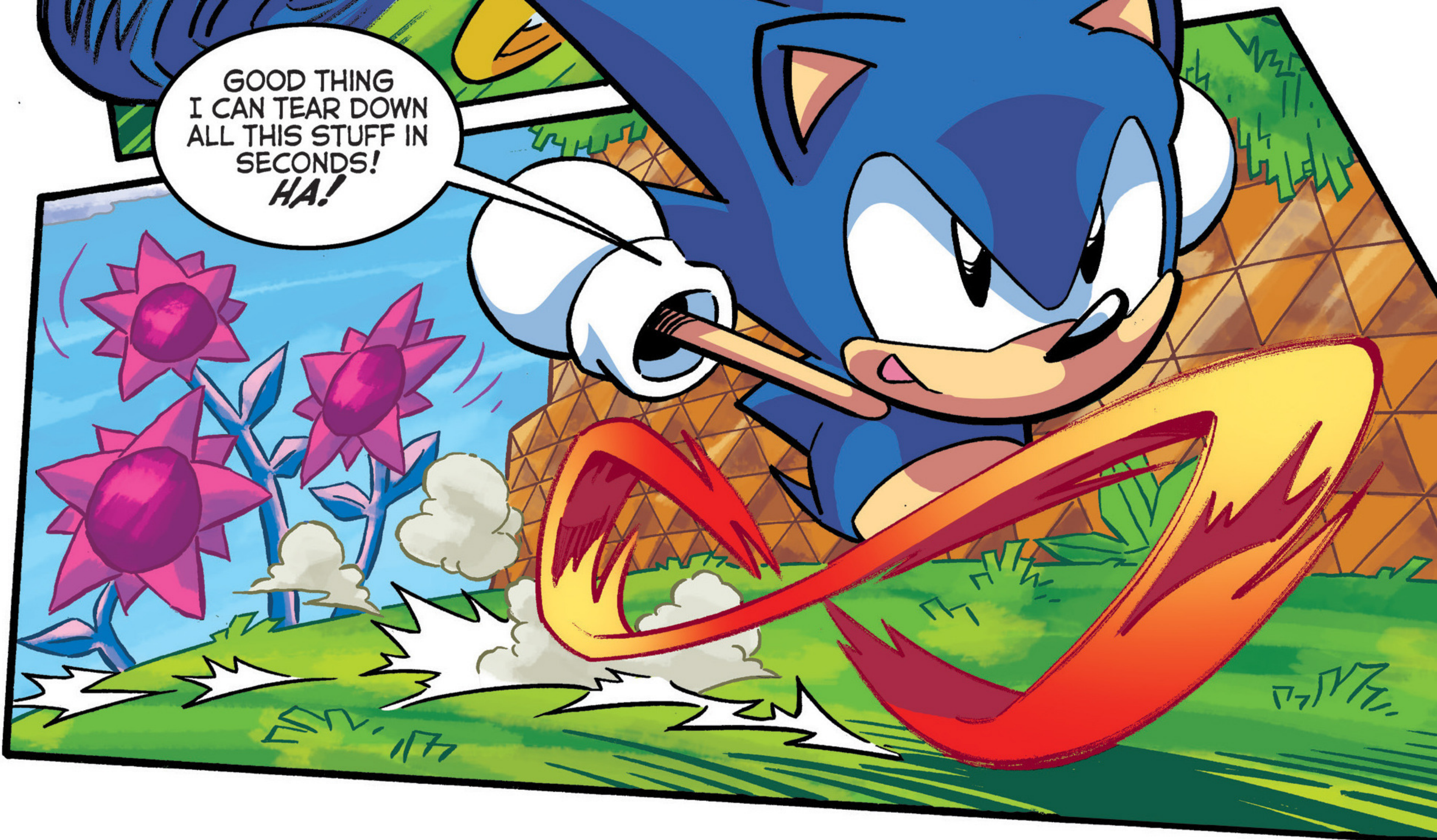
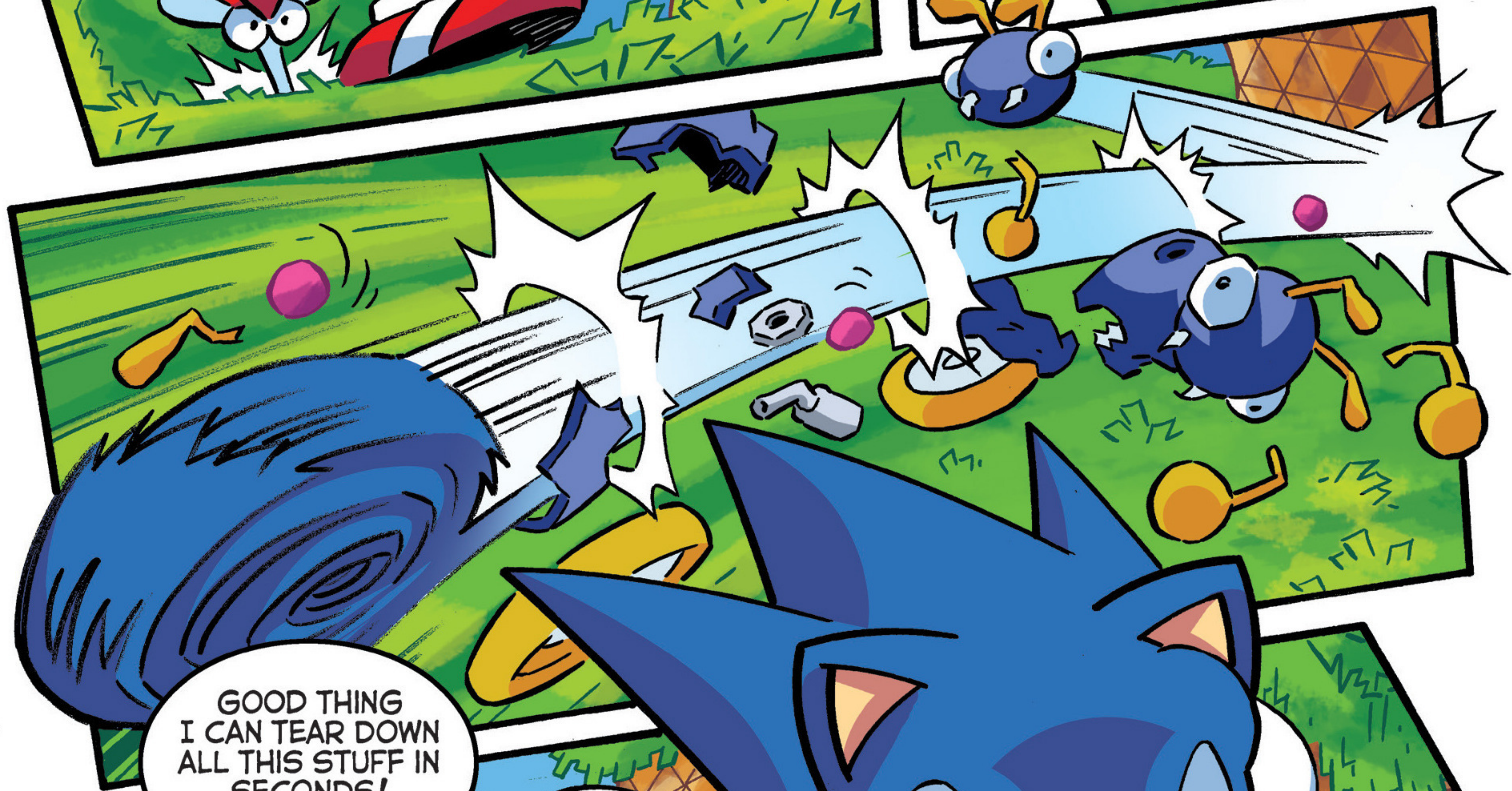
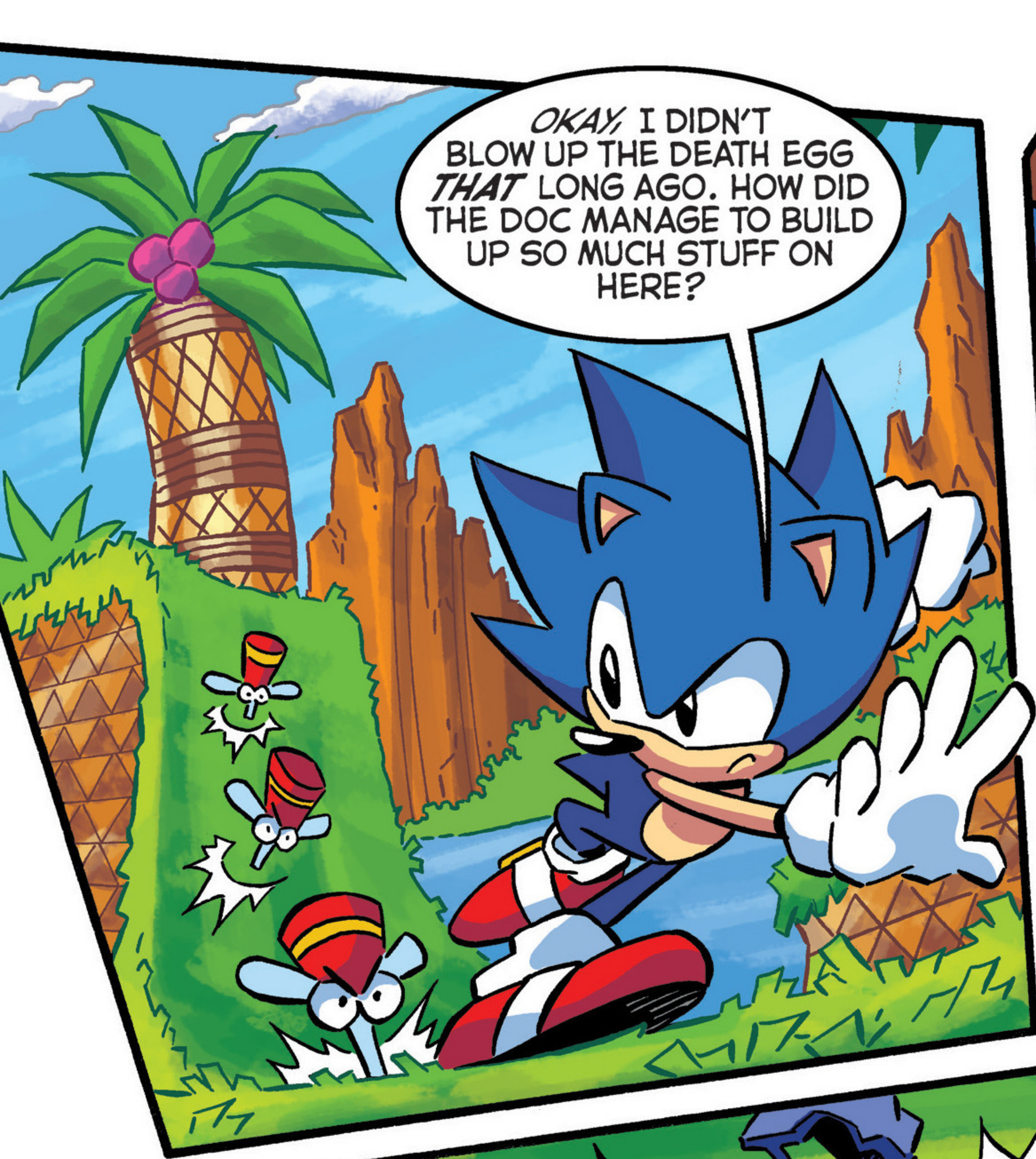
WAIT!



HUFF! ERK! HRNK!







WHAT DO YOU *MEAN*, YOU'RE "BEHIND SCHEDULE," SNIVELY?!

REPAIR WORK WOULD BE GOING MUCH FASTER IF OUR FORCES WEREN'T SPLIT BETWEEN THE DEATH EGG AND THAT FRIVOLOUS AMUSEMENT PARK OF YOURS!

I TOLD YOU! CARNIVAL NIGHT IS TACTICALLY IMPORTANT!

≡SIGH≡ OF COURSE IT IS, SIR. I'LL DO WHAT I CAN. BUT BETWEEN THE LIMITED SUPPLIES AND THE NATIVE ASKING QUESTIONS--

AW, THAT'S SWEET! LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIPS CAN BE TOUGH, BUT I'M SURE YOU TWO WILL WORK IT OUT.

YOU AGAIN?! THINK YOU CAN STOP MY PLANS THIS TIME, YOU ARROGANT URCHIN?!

UH...

WELL, THINK AGAIN! THE POWER OF THE FABLED TIME STONES WILL BE MINE! AND ONCE I REWRITE HISTORY, ALL THE MINOR SETBACKS YOU DEALT ME WON'T JUST BE HISTORY--THEY WON'T BE *AT ALL*!

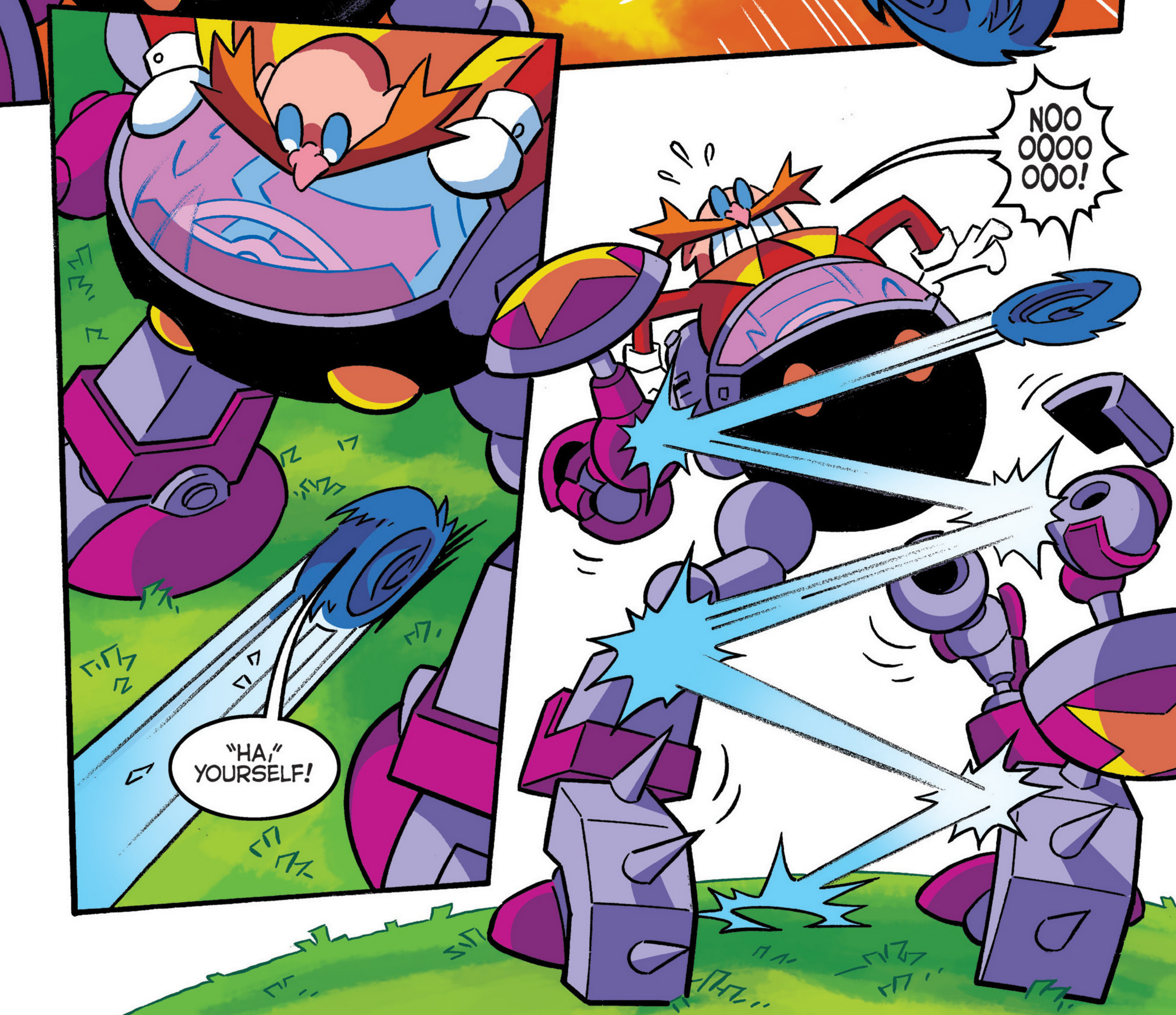
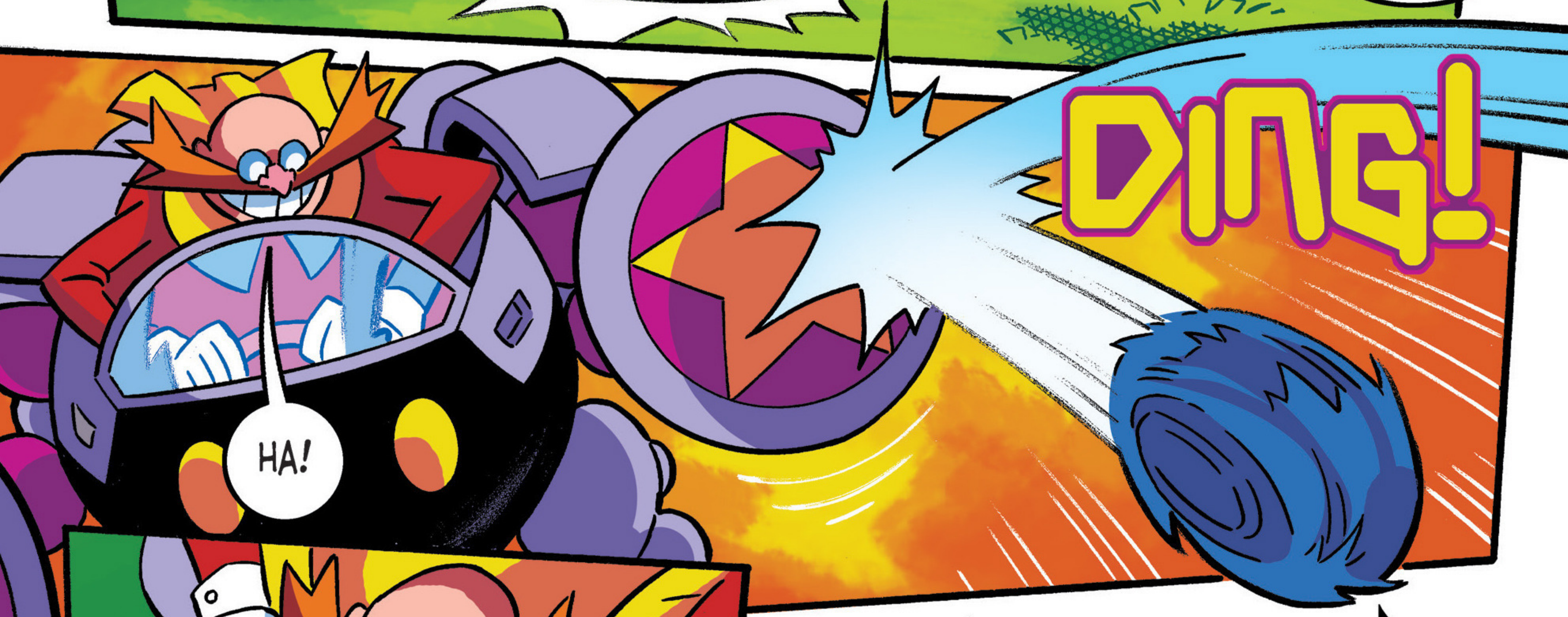
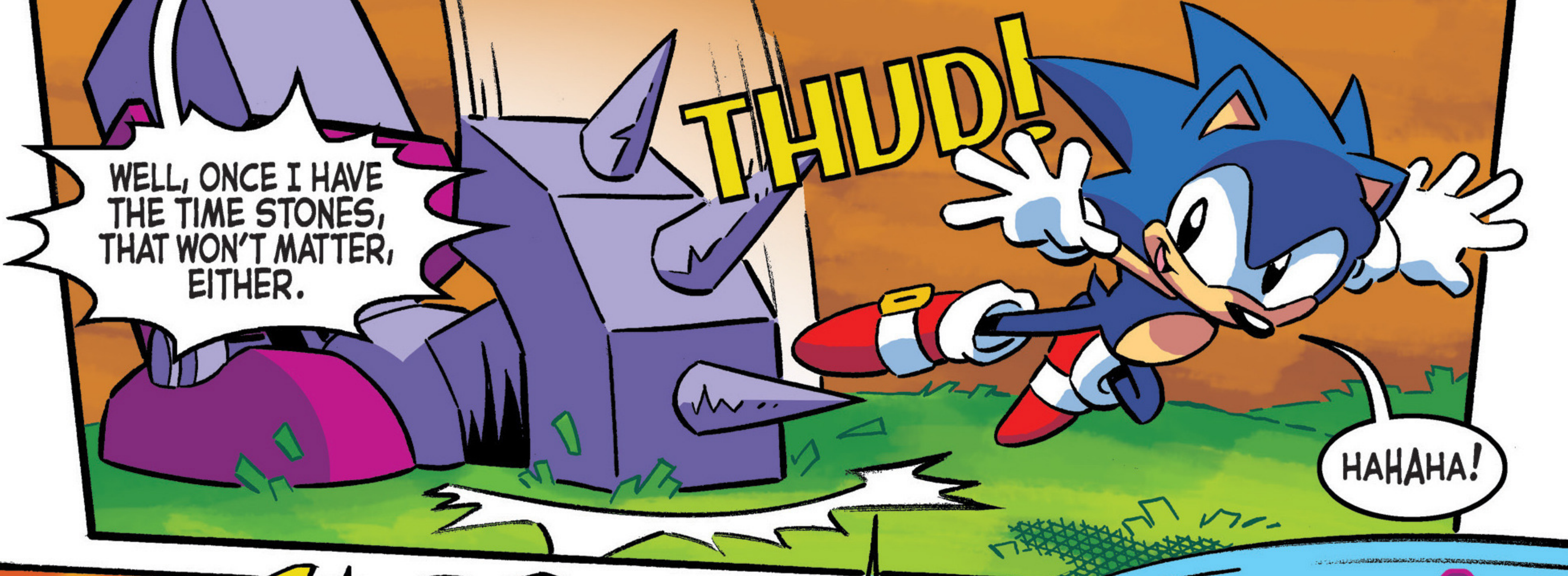
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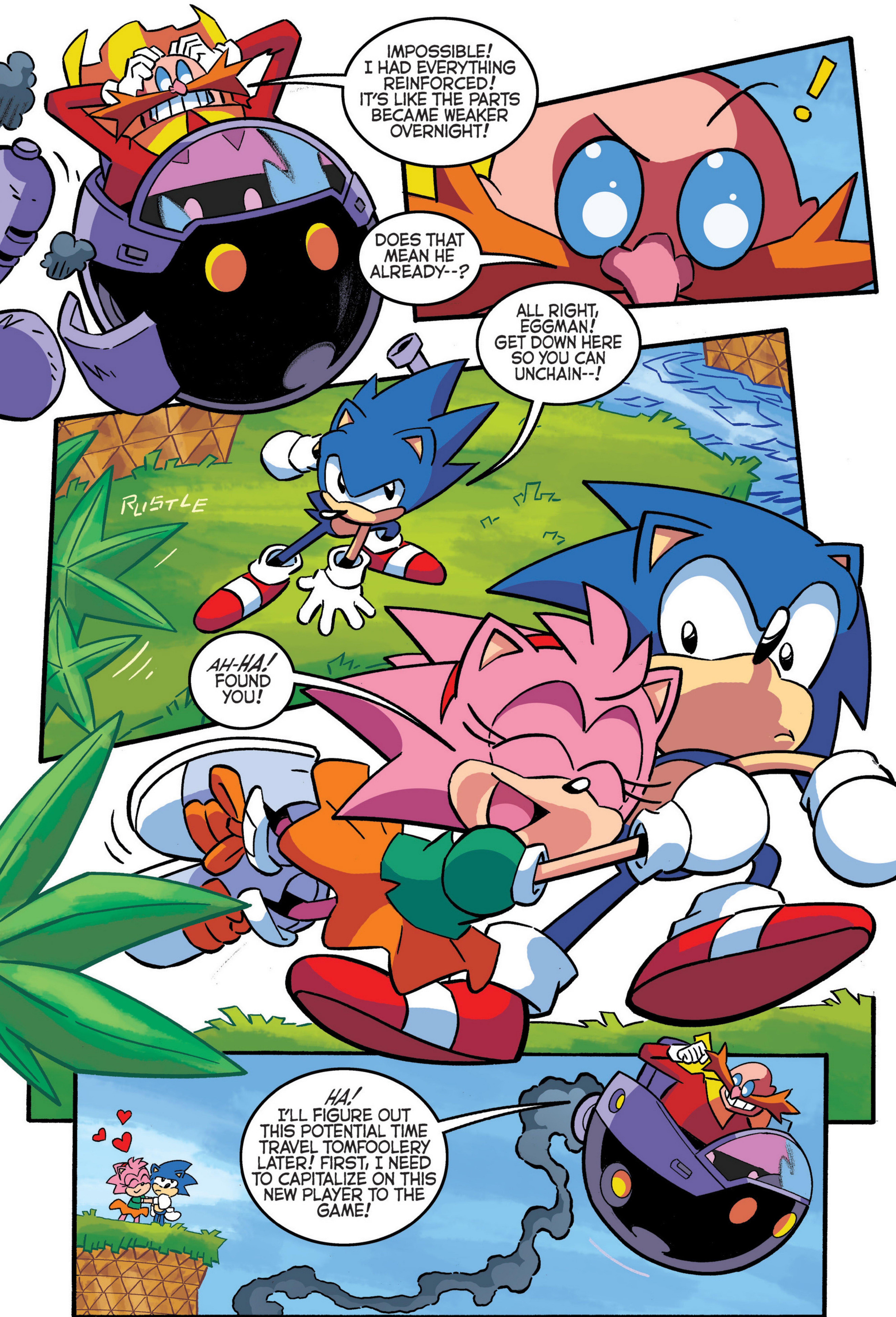
YUP!

AND I JUST SPILLED MY PLAN TO YOU.

WELL, PHOOEY!

ALSO, YUP!





IMPOSSIBLE!
I HAD EVERYTHING
REINFORCED!
IT'S LIKE THE PARTS
BECAME WEAKER
OVERNIGHT!

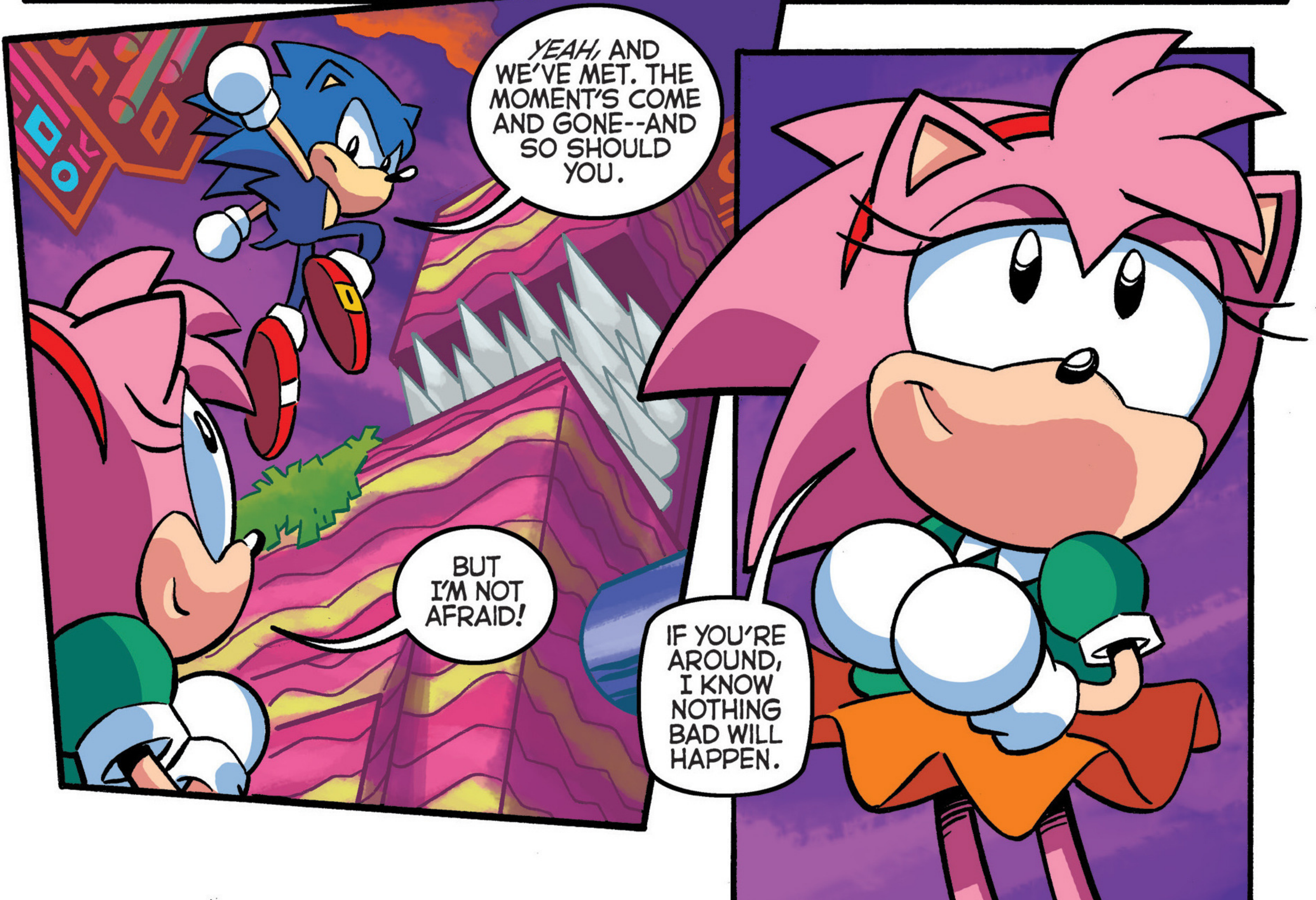
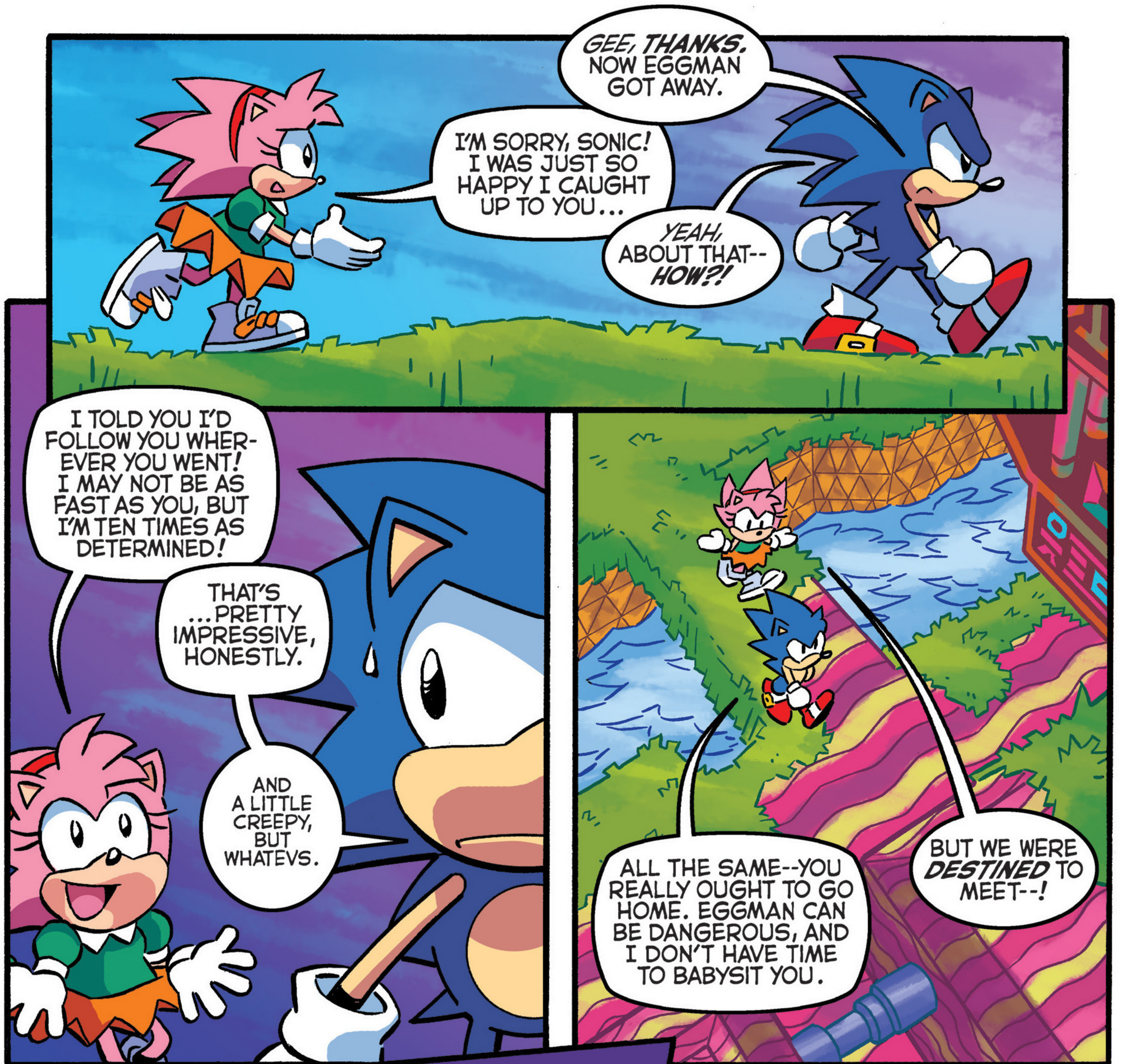
DOES THAT
MEAN HE
ALREADY--?

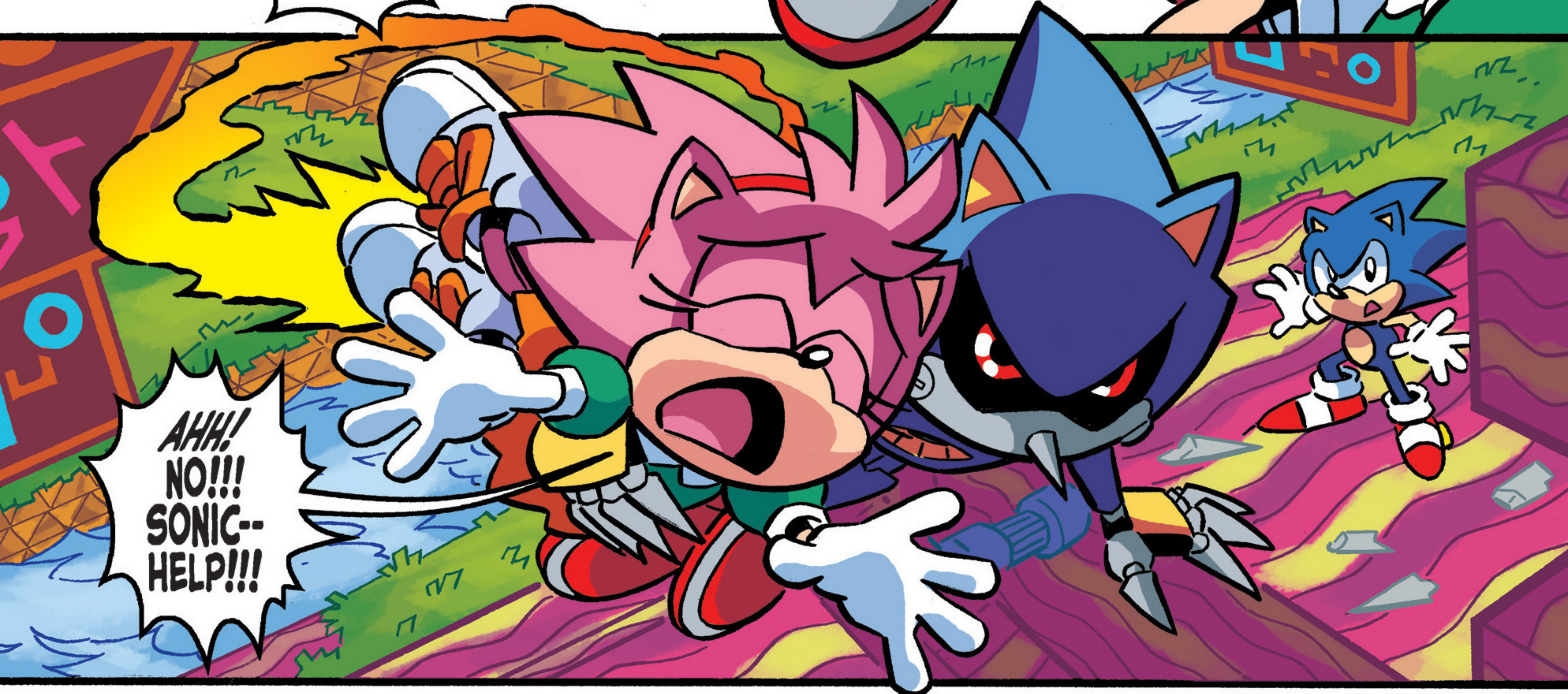
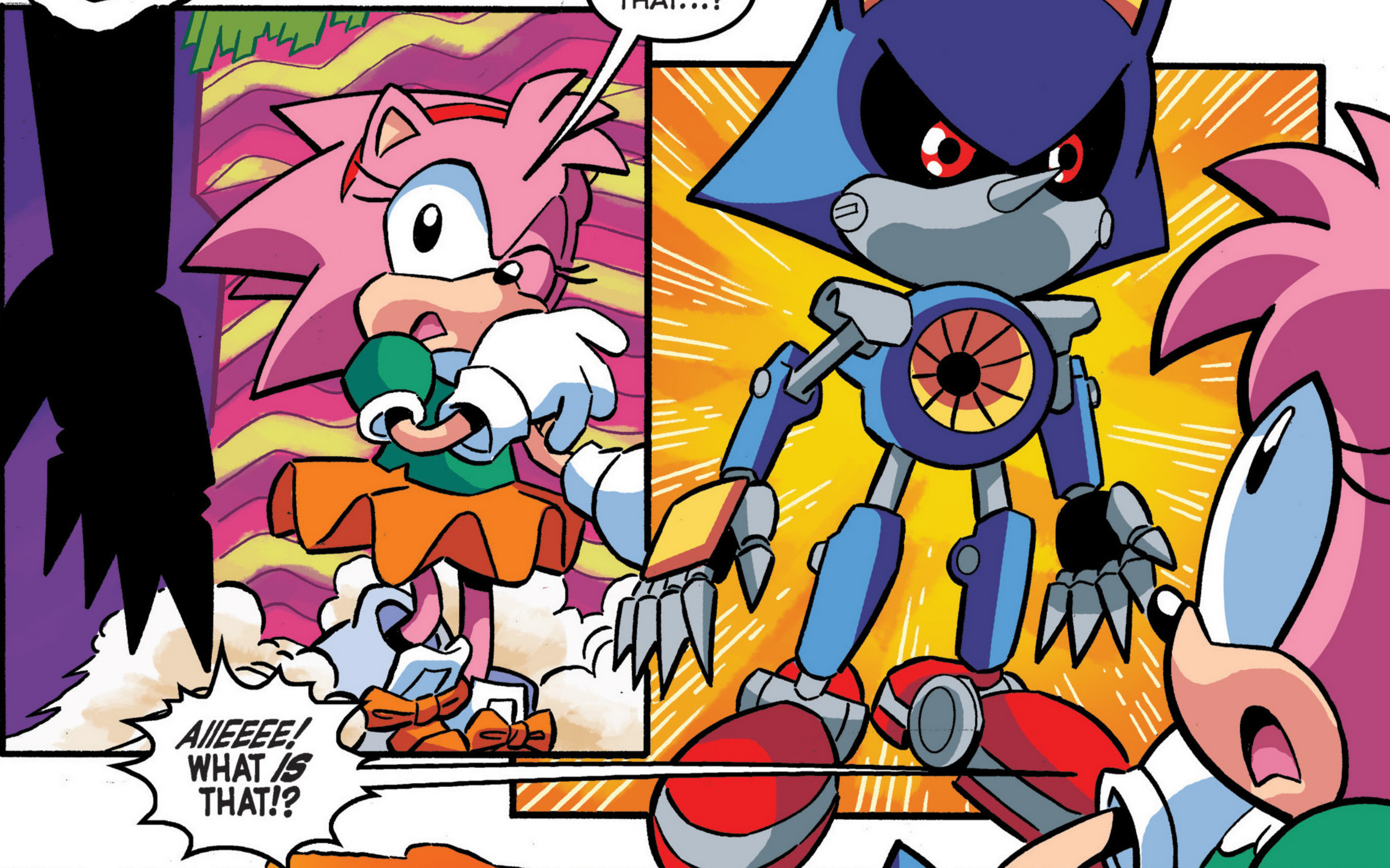
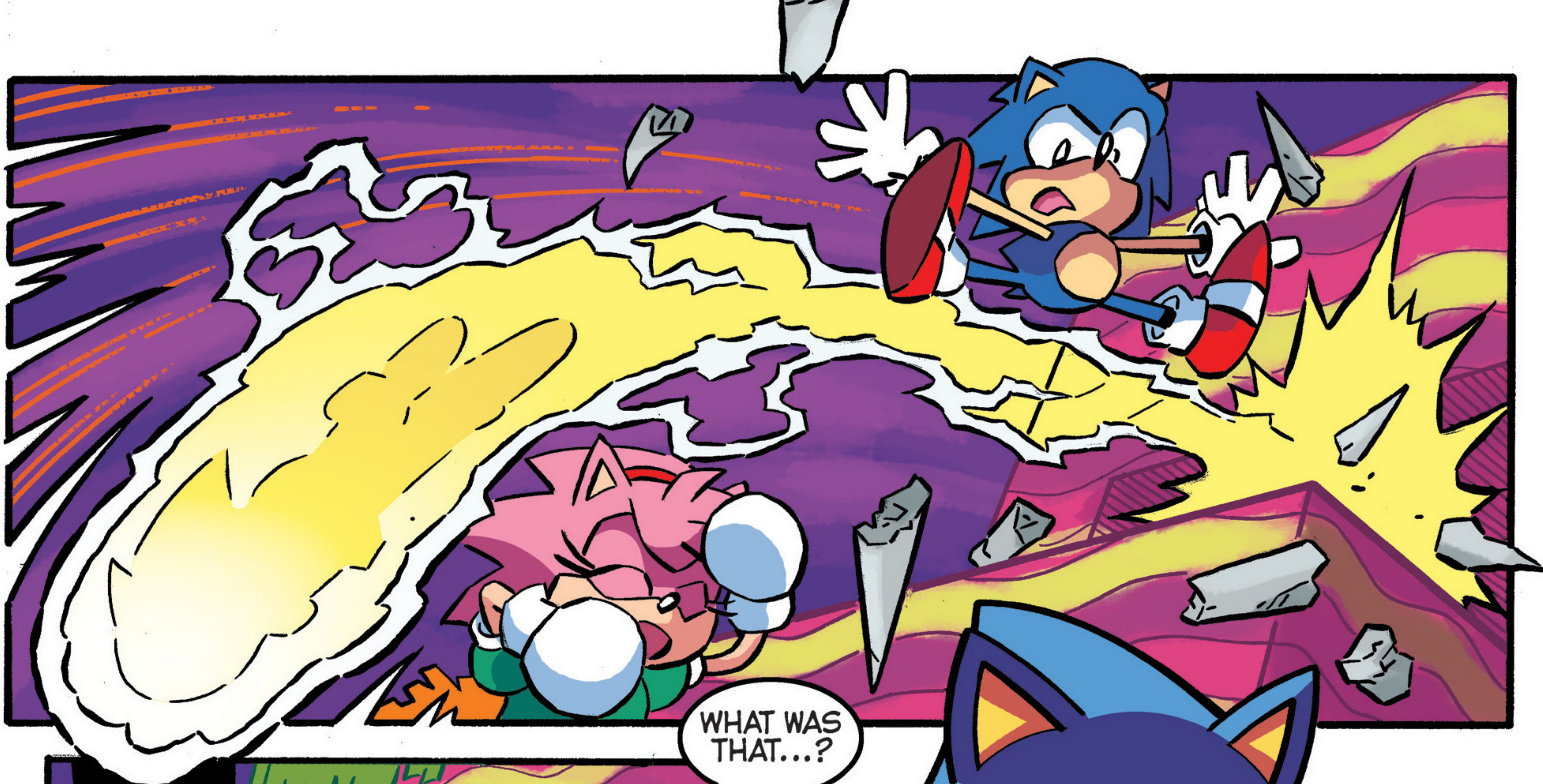
ALL RIGHT,
EGGMAN!
GET DOWN HERE
SO YOU CAN
UNCHAIN--!

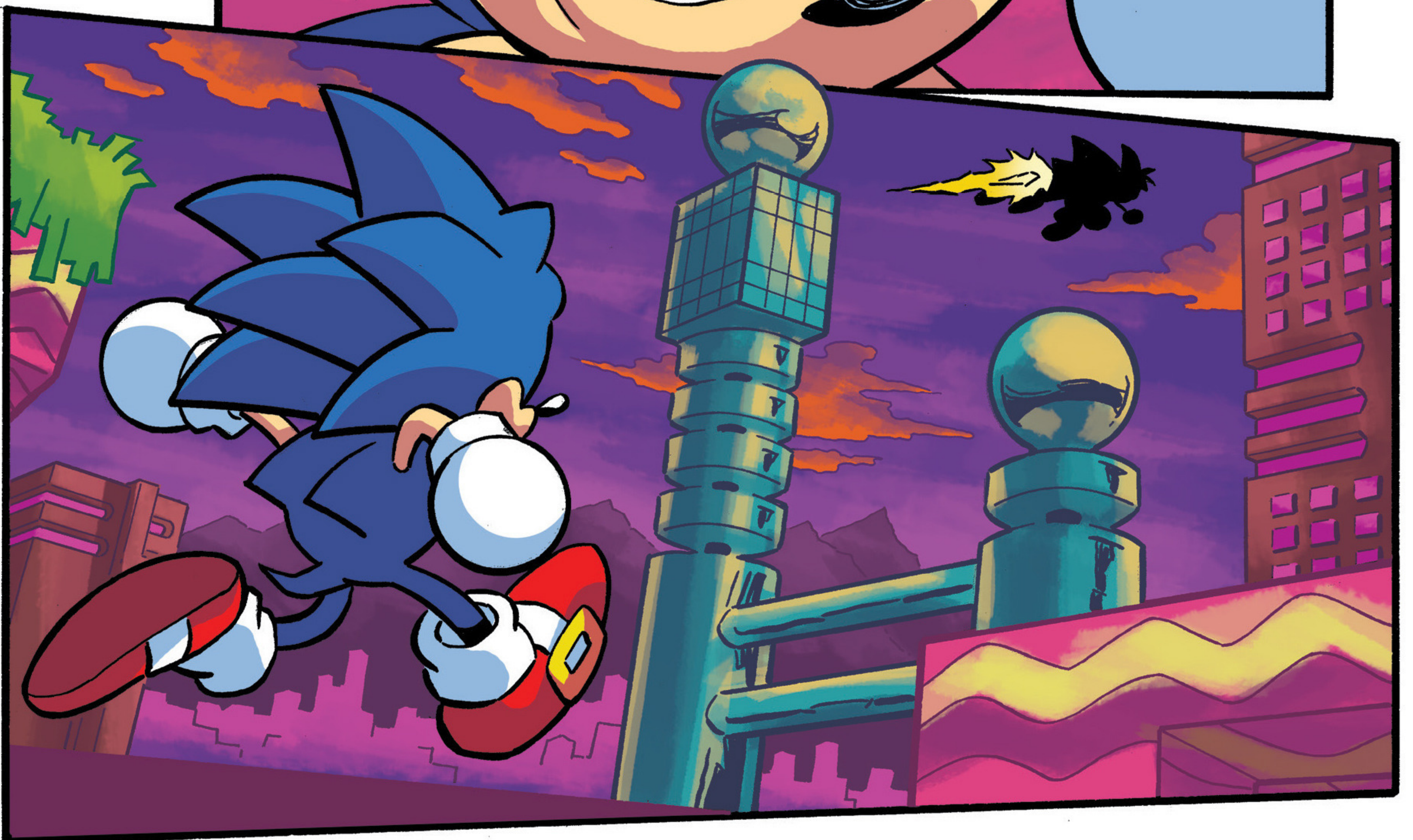
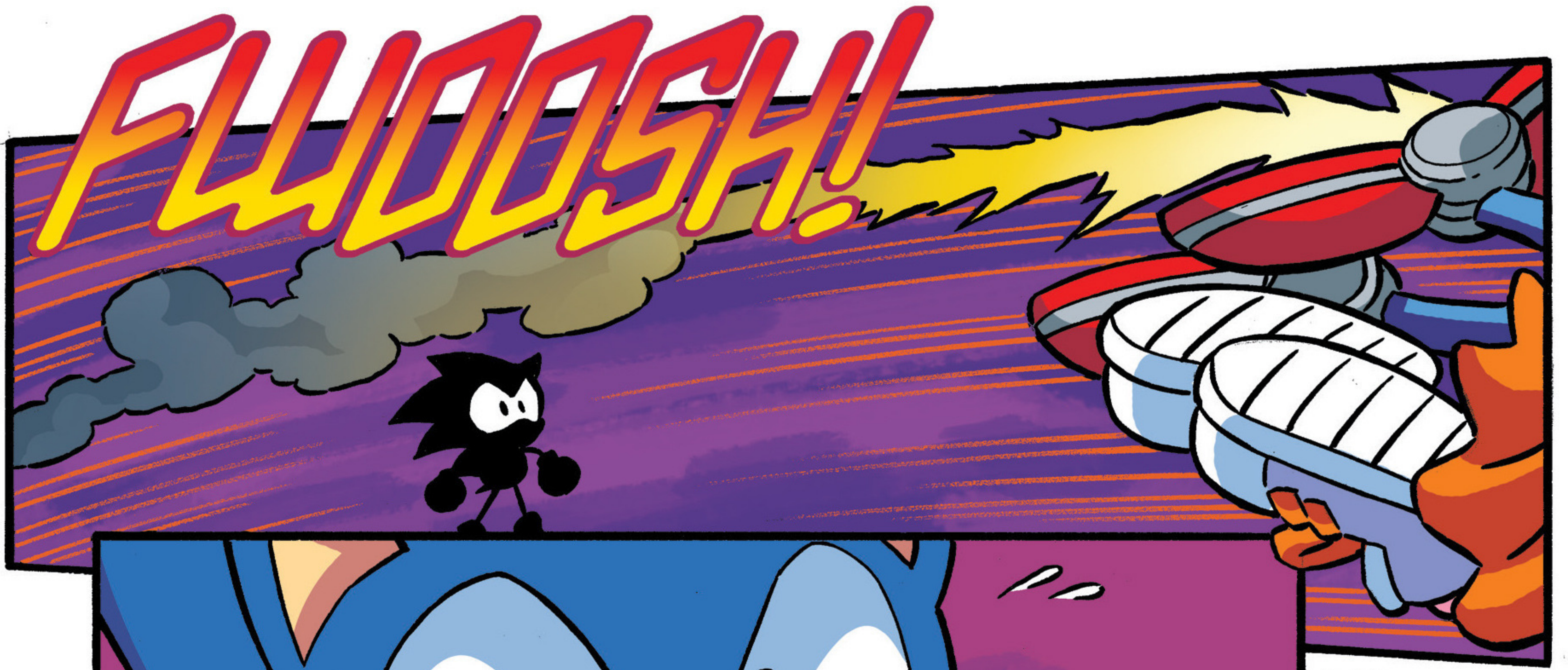
RUSTLE

AH-HA!
FOUND
YOU!

HA!
I'LL FIGURE OUT
THIS POTENTIAL
TIME
TRAVEL TOMFOOLERY
LATER! FIRST, I NEED
TO CAPITALIZE ON THIS
NEW PLAYER TO THE
GAME!









DID
SOMEBODY
JUST SAY
"FUTURE"?



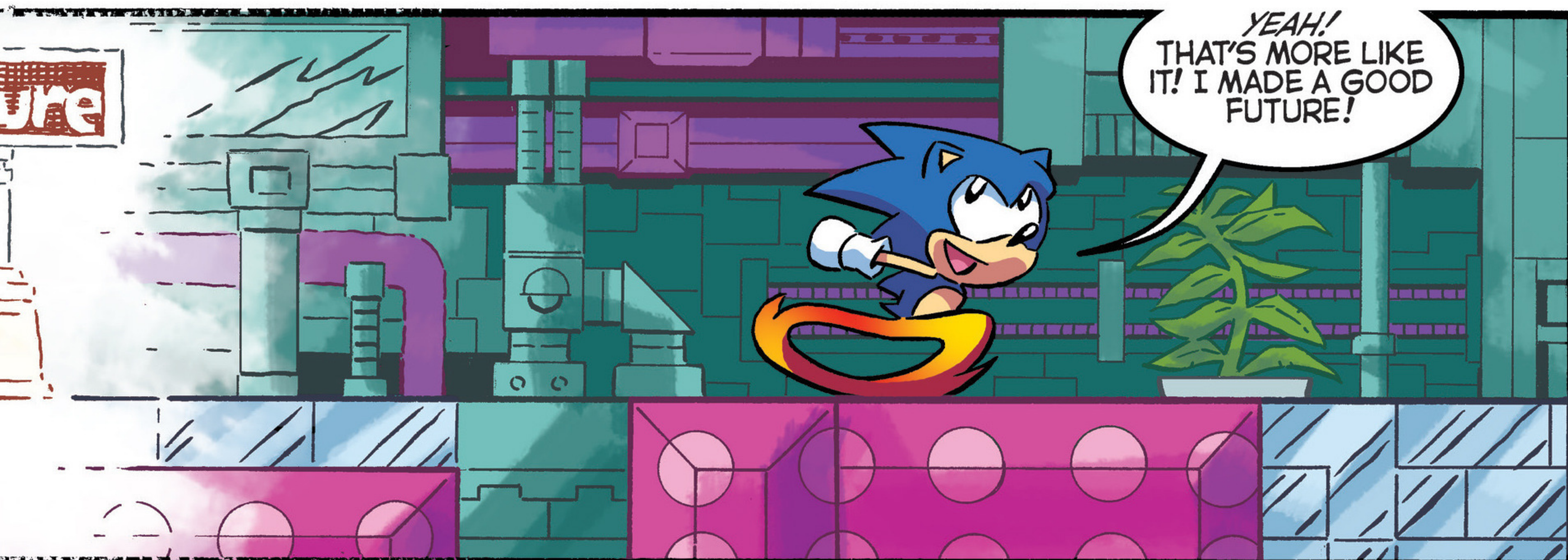
WHOA! WHAT THE--?!
I'M GONNA NEED A TETANUS
BOOSTER JUST RUNNING
HERE! I GOTTA GET BACK...



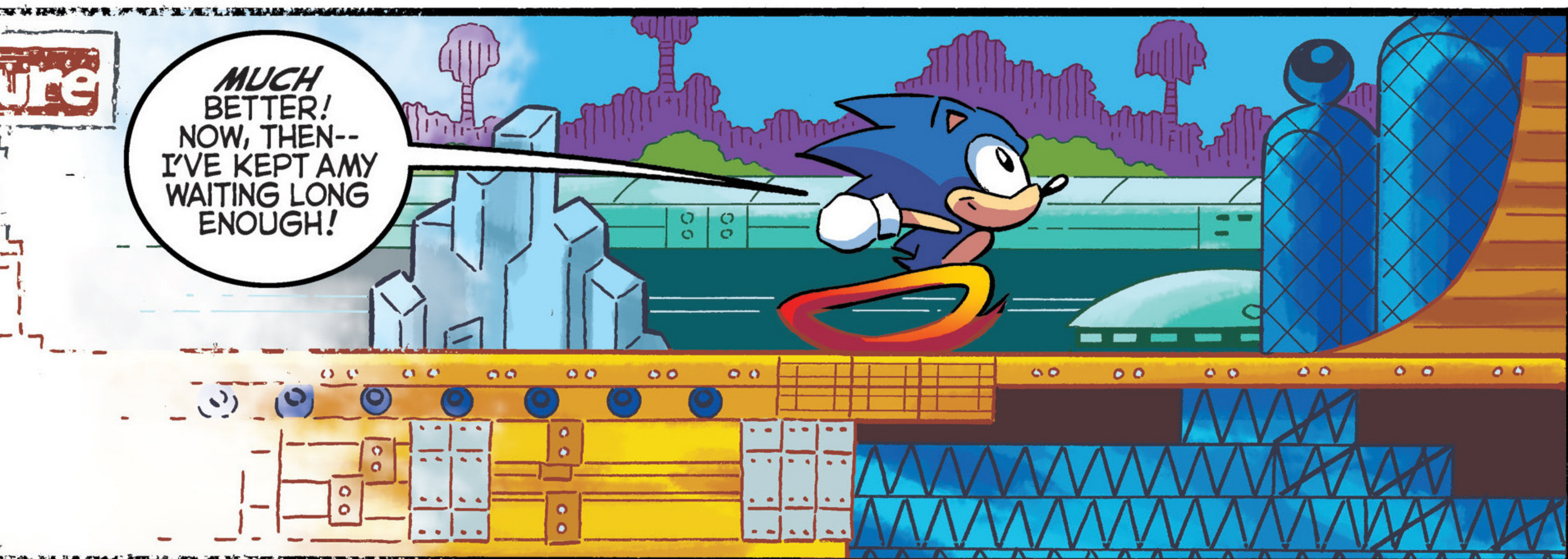
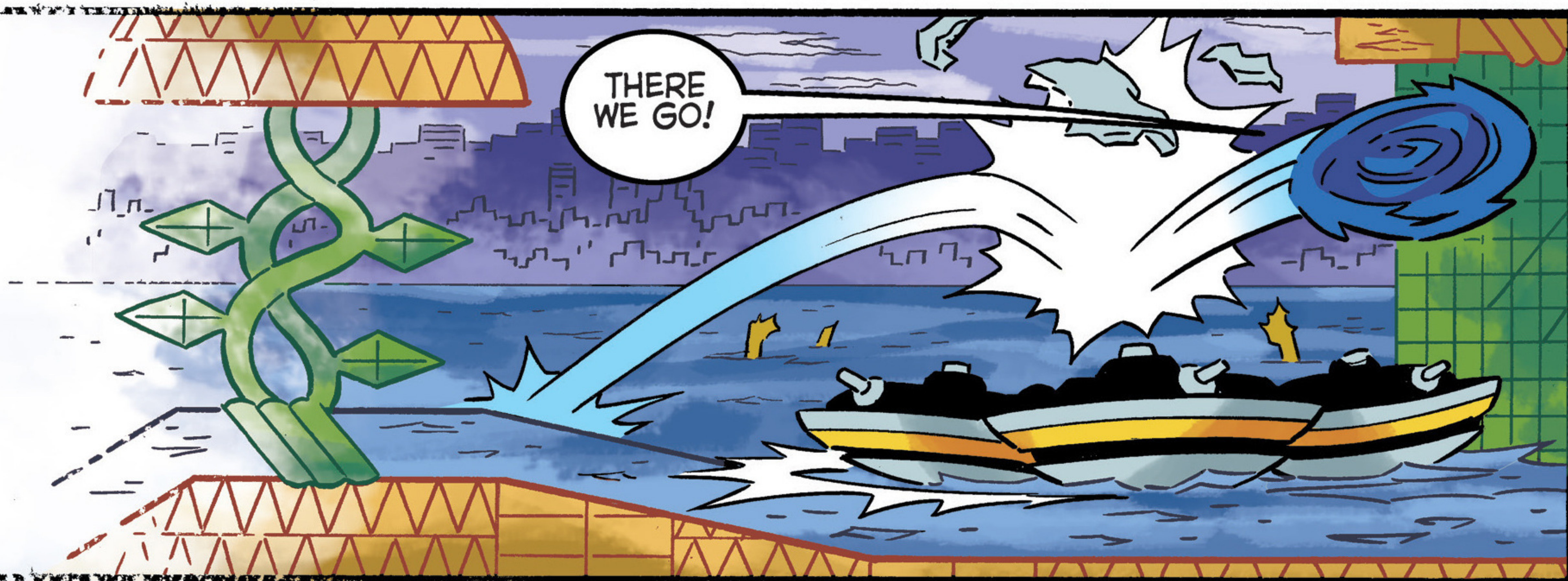
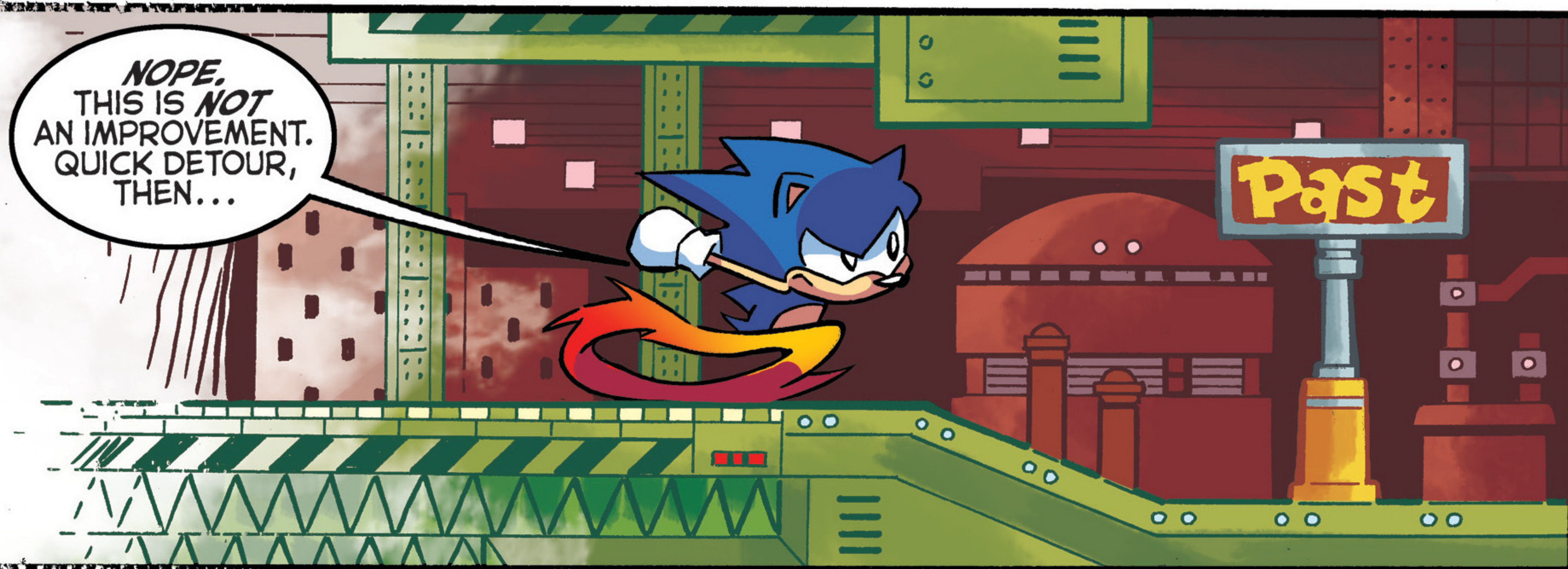
...OR GO BACK
FURTHER. AND
THERE'S A BADNIK
FACTORY--I
GET IT NOW!

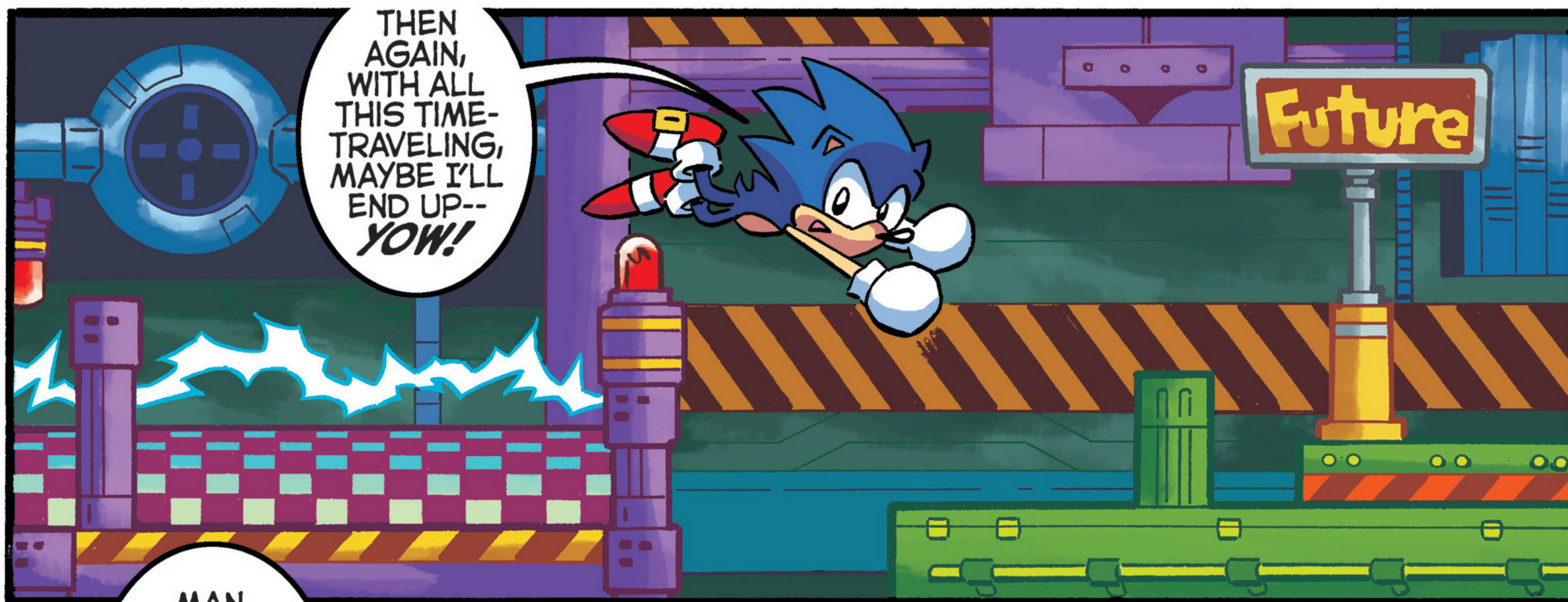
EGGMAN'S GOING
TO USE THE TIME
STONES TO INVADE
THE PAST! OR...HE
ALREADY HAS. OR
WOULD HAVE...?

FORGET
IT. I'M
JUST GONNA
TRASH THAT
FACTORY.



YEAH!
THAT'S MORE LIKE
IT! I MADE A GOOD
FUTURE!





THEN AGAIN, WITH ALL THIS TIME-TRAVELING, MAYBE I'LL END UP--
YOW!

MAN, EGGMAN DOES NOT TAKE CARE OF HIS STUFF.

OKAY, **LAST** DETOUR!

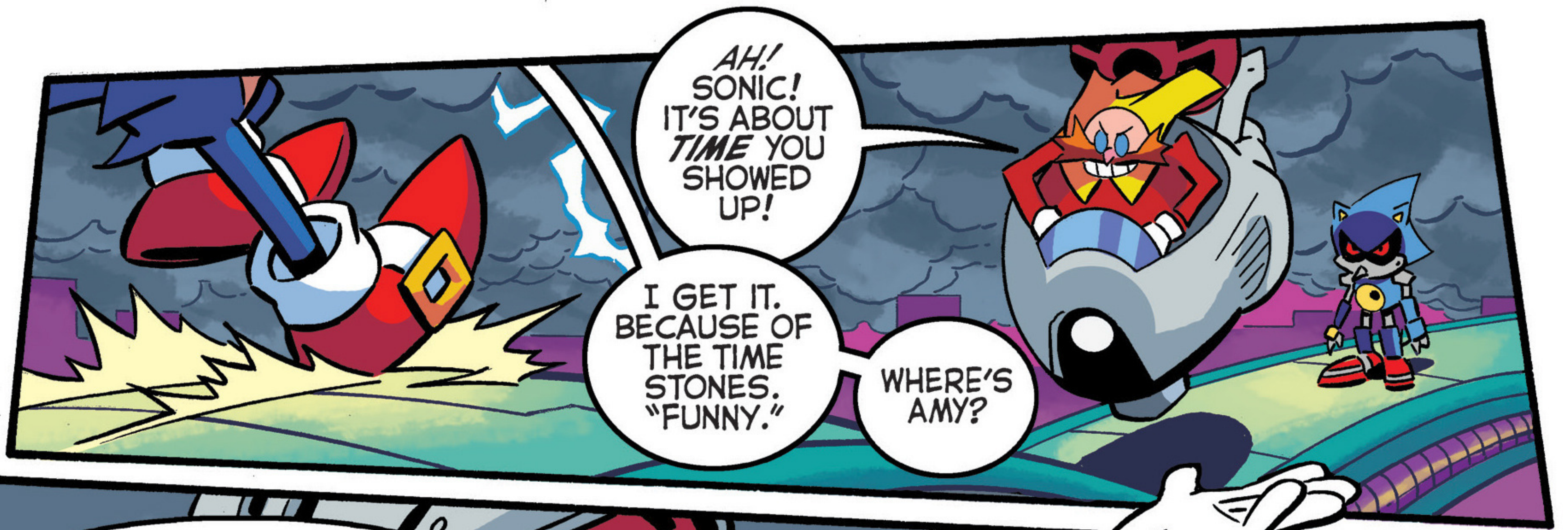
Past

EGGMAN SET THIS UP JUST TO MESS WITH THE LOCAL CRITTERS, I GUESS. WHAT AN ABSOLUTE SLEAZE BALL.



WAIT, SO WHO FINISHED BUILDING THIS PLACE? DID EGGMAN CLEAN UP HIS ACT, OR...*GAH!* IT DOESN'T MATTER! I GOTTA FIND AMY!

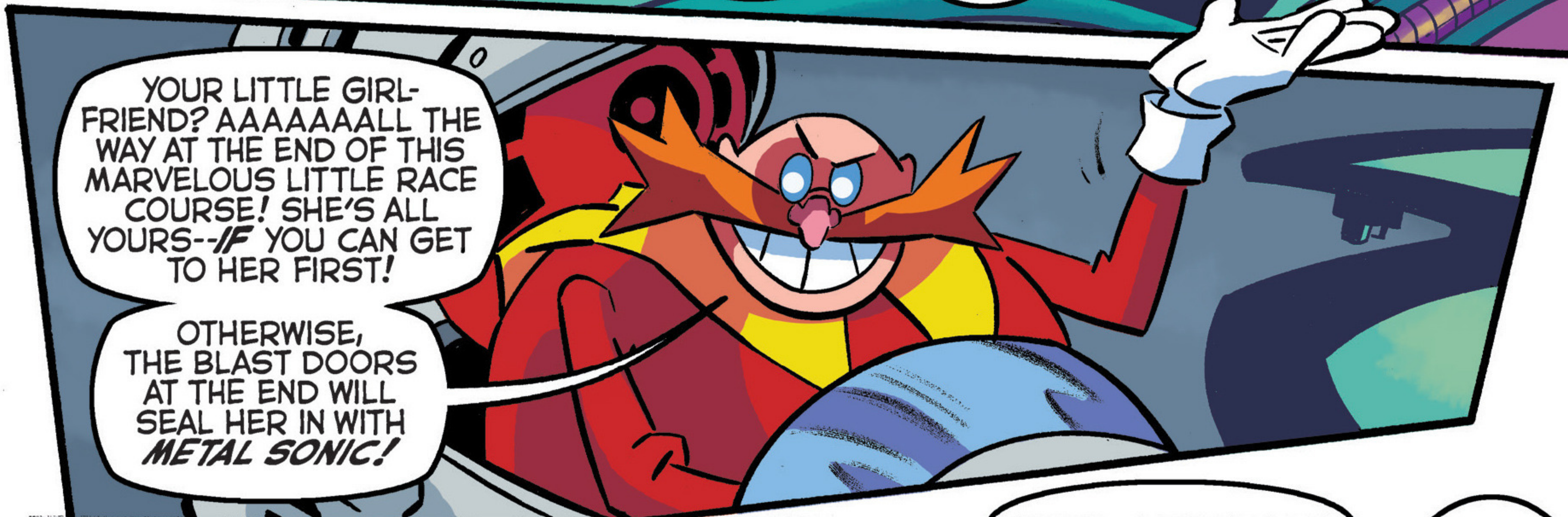




AH!
SONIC!
IT'S ABOUT
TIME YOU
SHOWED
UP!

I GET IT.
BECAUSE OF
THE TIME
STONES.
"FUNNY."

WHERE'S
AMY?

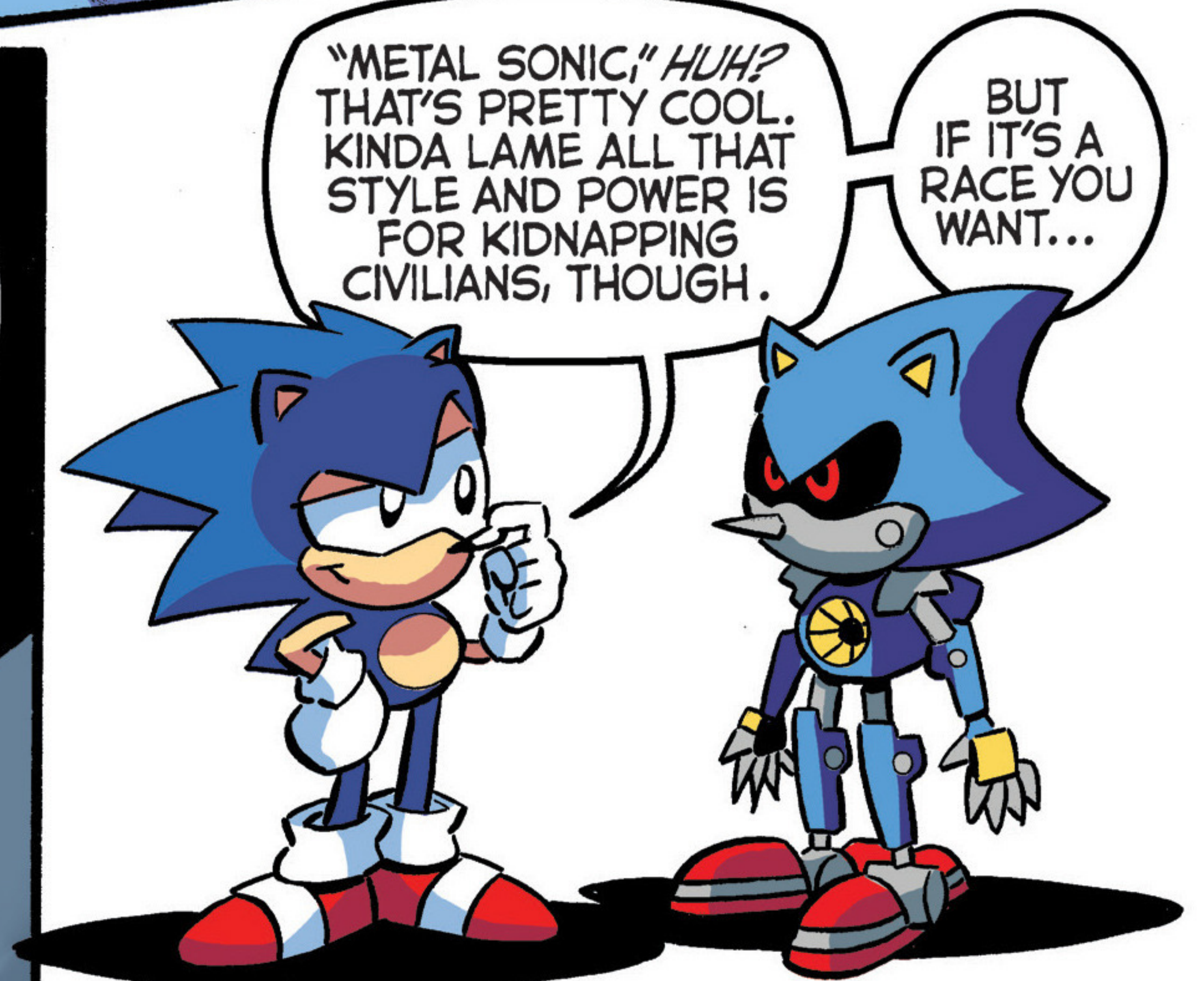


YOUR LITTLE GIRL-
FRIEND? AAAAAAALL THE
WAY AT THE END OF THIS
MARVELOUS LITTLE RACE
COURSE! SHE'S ALL
YOURS--*IF* YOU CAN GET
TO HER FIRST!

OTHERWISE,
THE BLAST DOORS
AT THE END WILL
SEAL HER IN WITH
METAL SONIC!

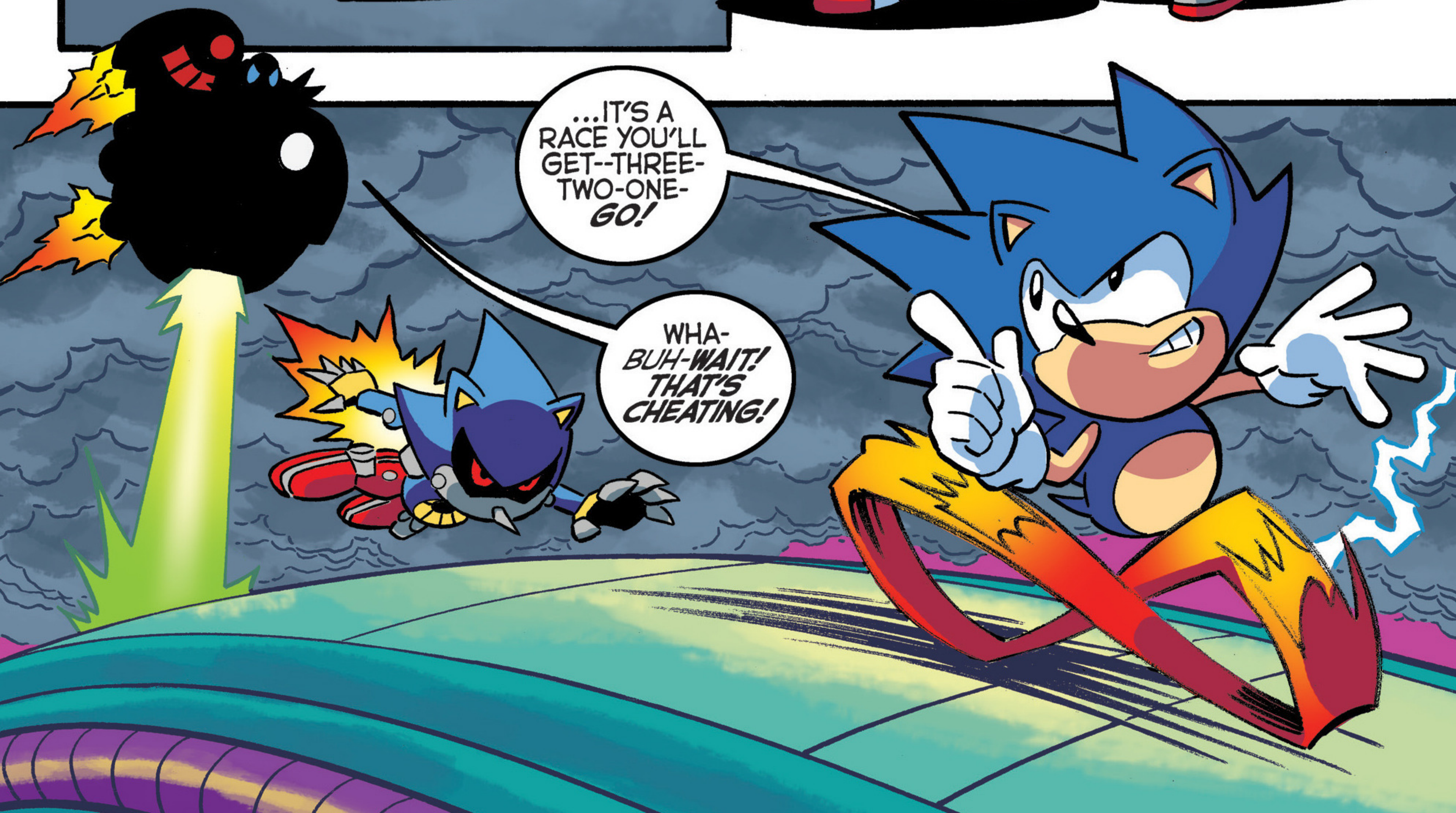


FALL TOO FAR
BEHIND, AND I'LL BE
SENDING AMY HOME
WITH AN URN OF
YOUR ASHES!
HEH HEH HEH!



"METAL SONIC," *HUH?*
THAT'S PRETTY COOL.
KINDA LAME ALL THAT
STYLE AND POWER IS
FOR KIDNAPPING
CIVILIANS, THOUGH.

BUT
IF IT'S A
RACE YOU
WANT...

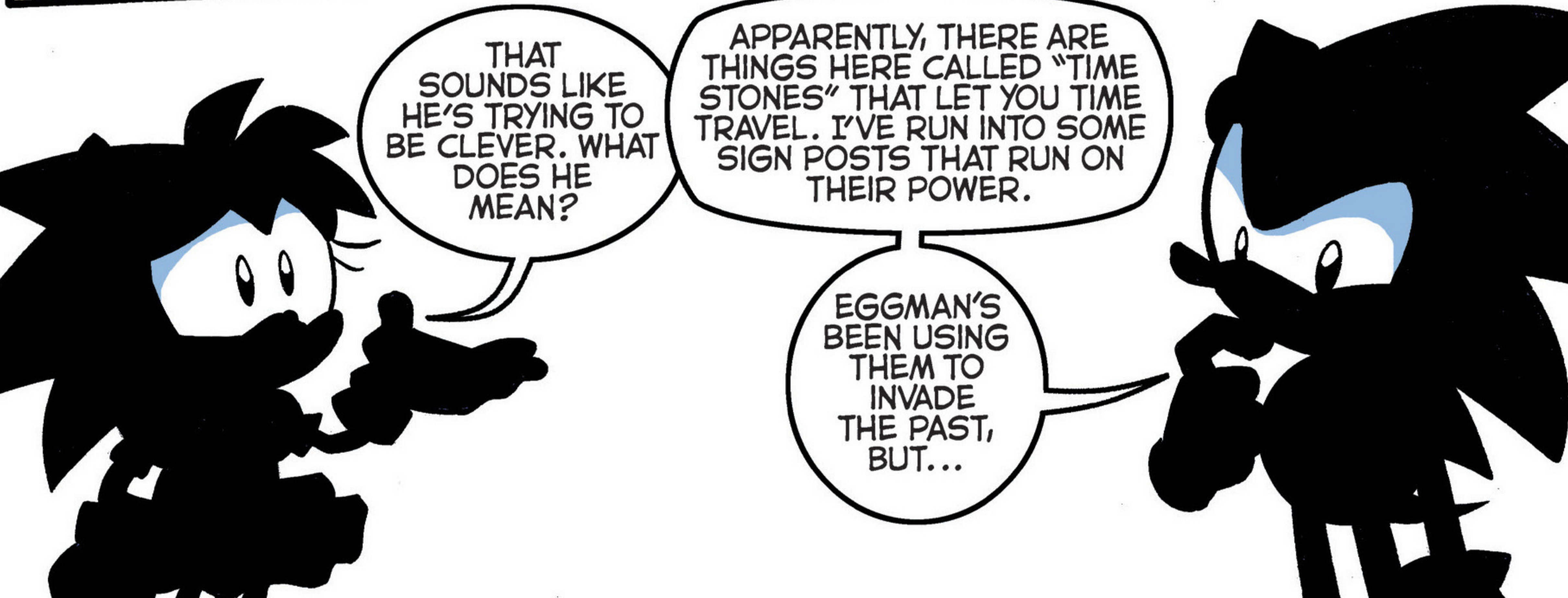
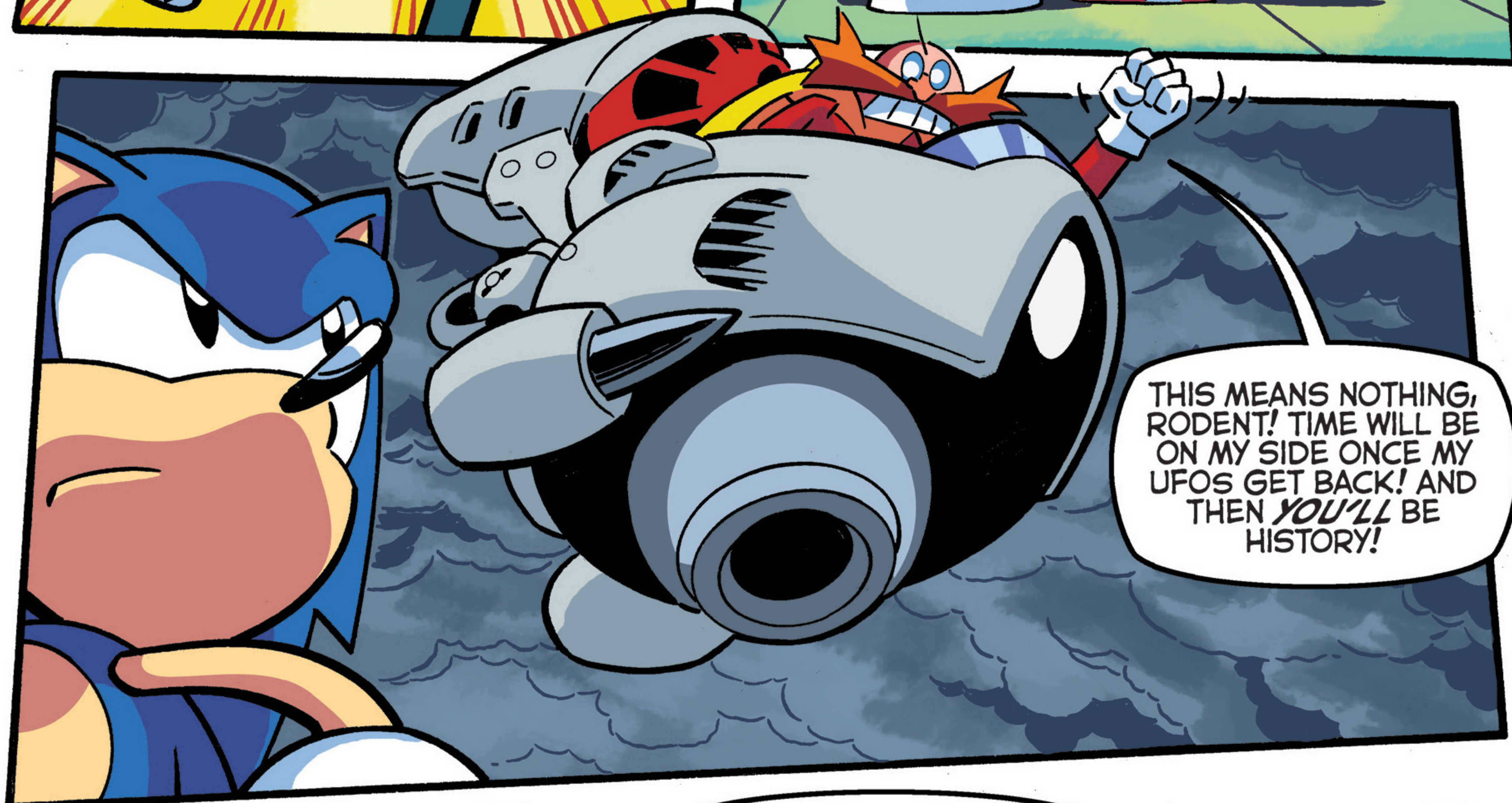
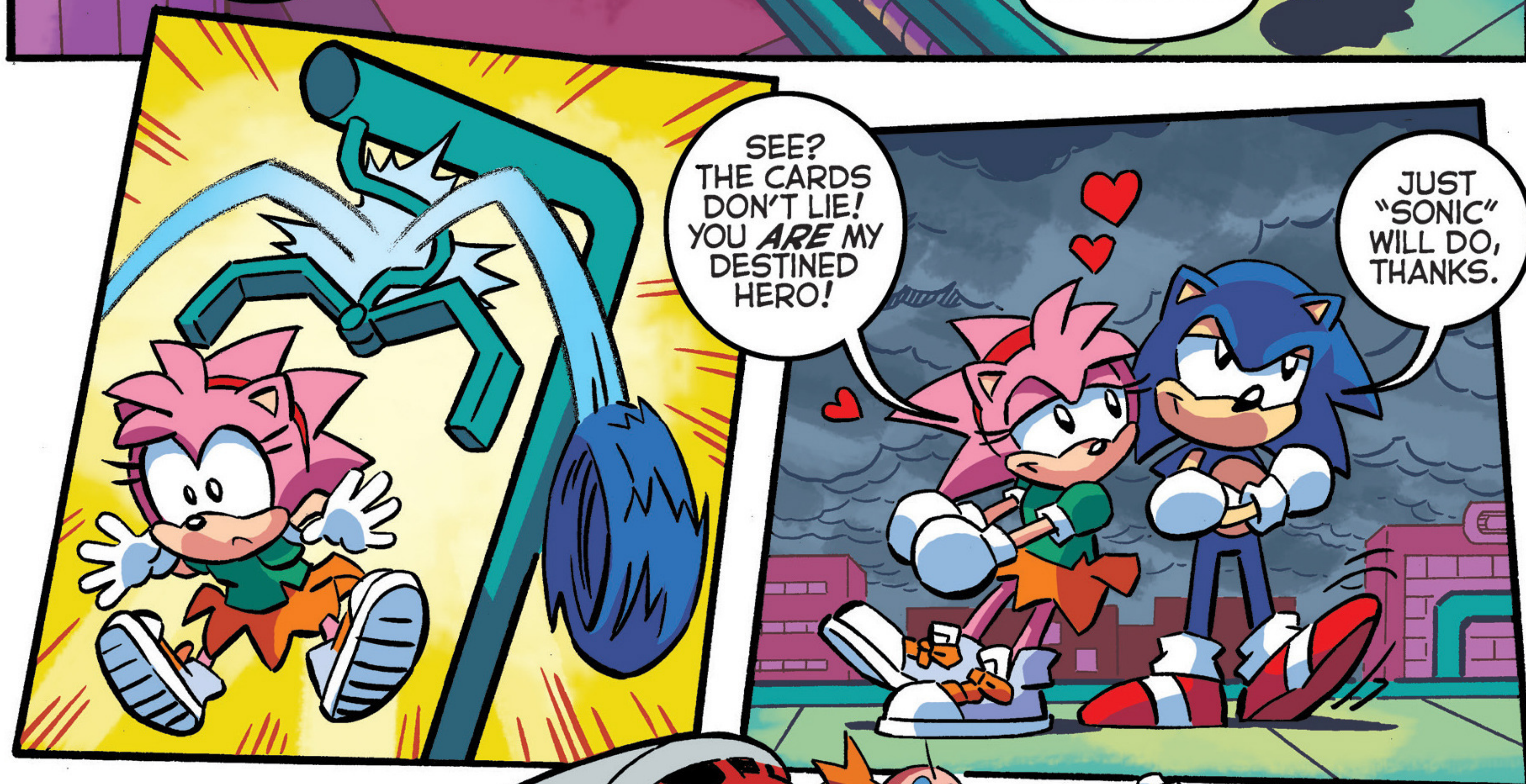


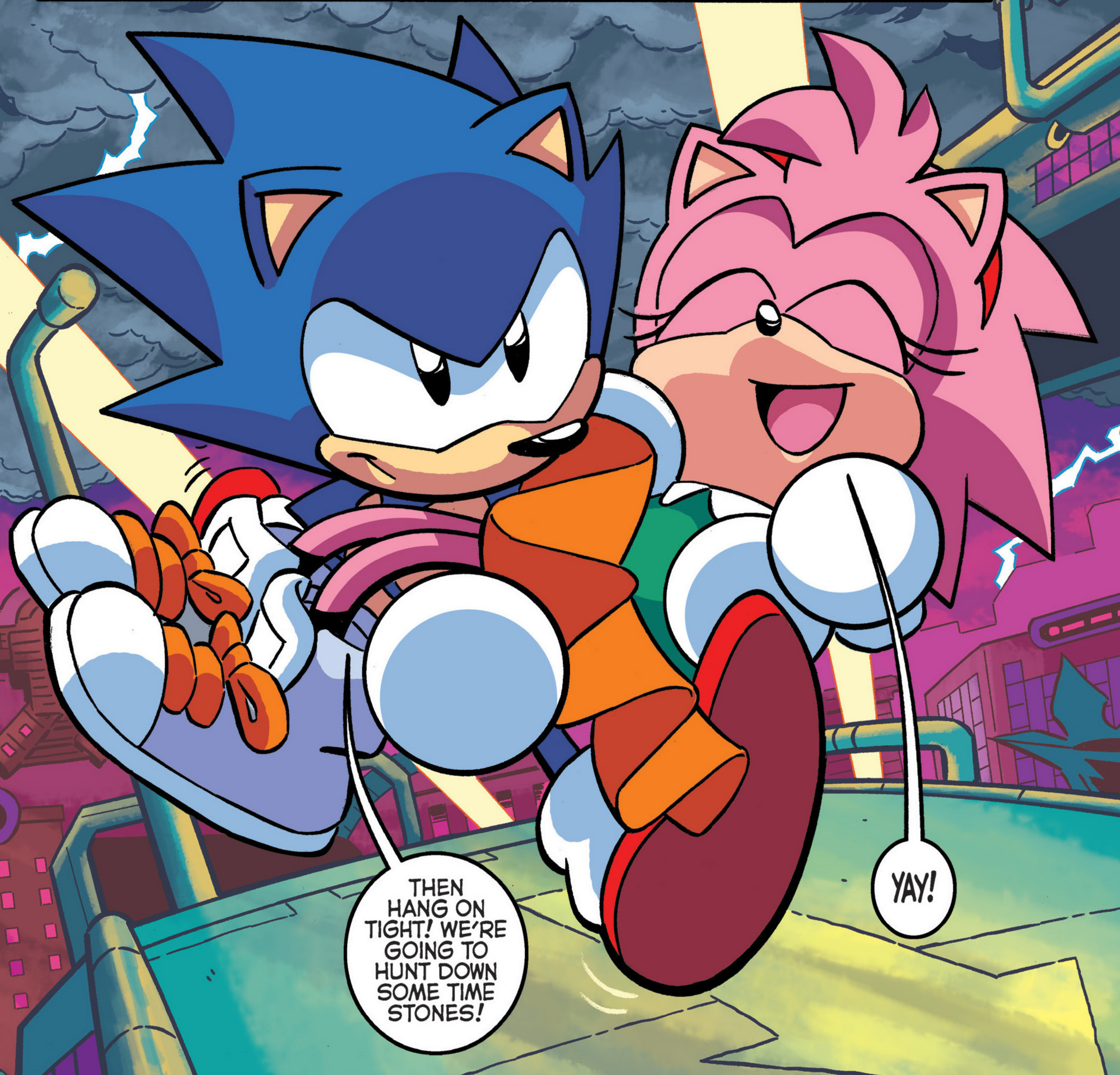
...IT'S A
RACE YOU'LL
GET--THREE-
TWO-ONE-
GO!

WHA-
BUH-WAIT!
*THAT'S
CHEATING!*



YOU'VE GOT NO ROOM TO TALK, YA KIDNAPPING CREEP!





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NEXT TIME, THE **DEATH EGG SAGA** CONTINUES!

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Letter from *the* EDITOR

Editorial commentary that keeps you running faster and saves the planet from disaster!

TIME AFTER TIME

Hey-ho, Sonic fans! If you're a long-time reader or super collector, you may have noticed something familiar about this issue. But what could it be? Lets see... we have Amy Rose, Little Planet, time travel and Metal Sonic... HEY! This is just Sonic #25 again, isn't it?

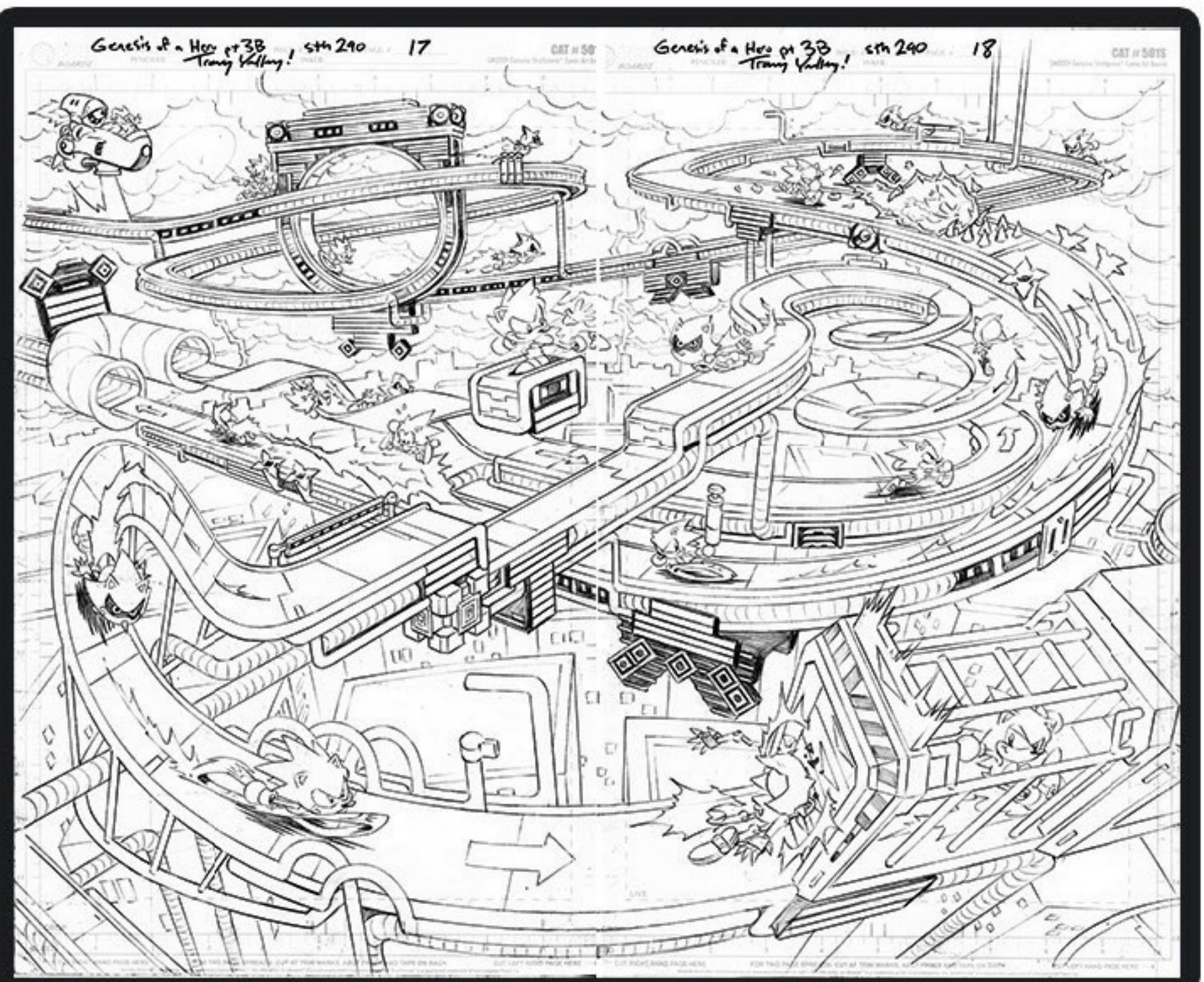
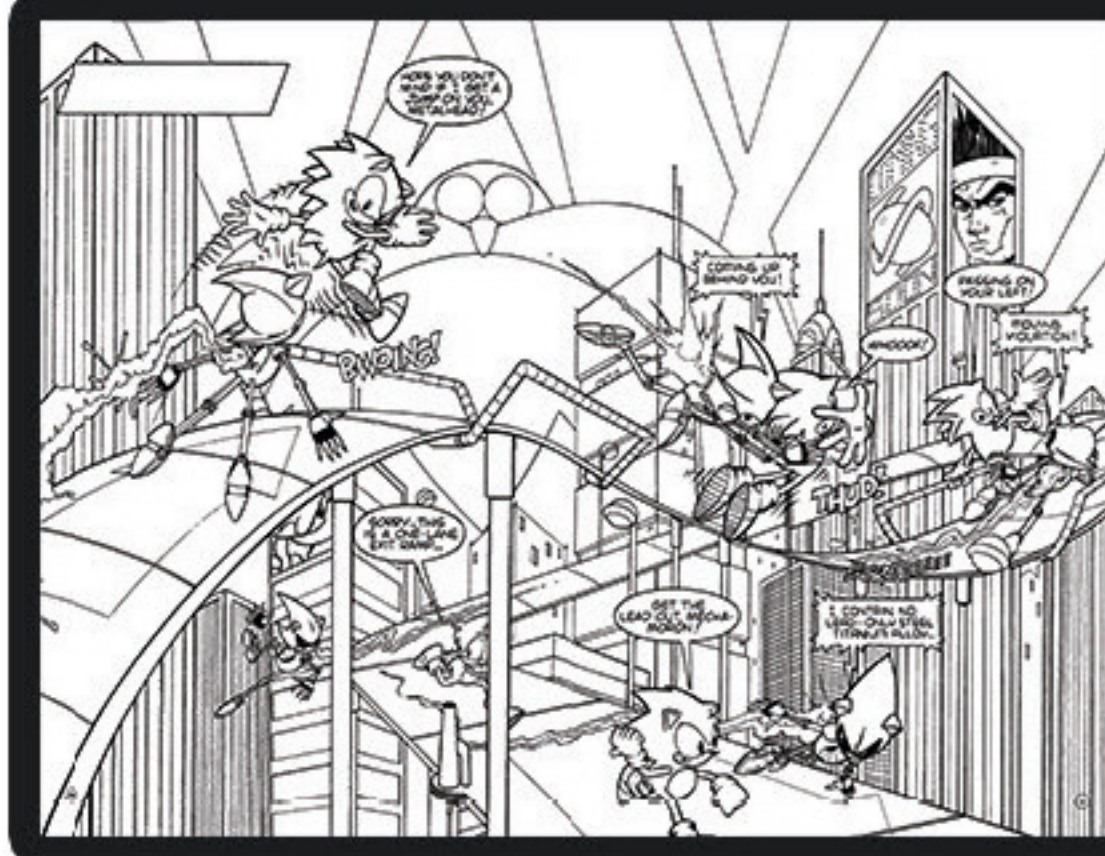
The answer is "YES" & "NO"!



Gabriel Cassata did a wonderful job honoring the painterly style of Sonic CD's animations!



RIGHT: The amazing 2-page spread race scene pencilled by Tracy Yardley! I ran around the office and showed everyone when it came in 'cause I was so excited!



LEFT: STH #25's awesome 2-page spread by Patrick Spaziante!

While the original Sonic CD adaption was awesome and fun, we decided to stay even closer to the original game this go-around. What did you think? Which issue do you prefer? Let me know! Or don't. The choices are yours and yours alone!

Now if you'll excuse me, I have some Time Stones to find!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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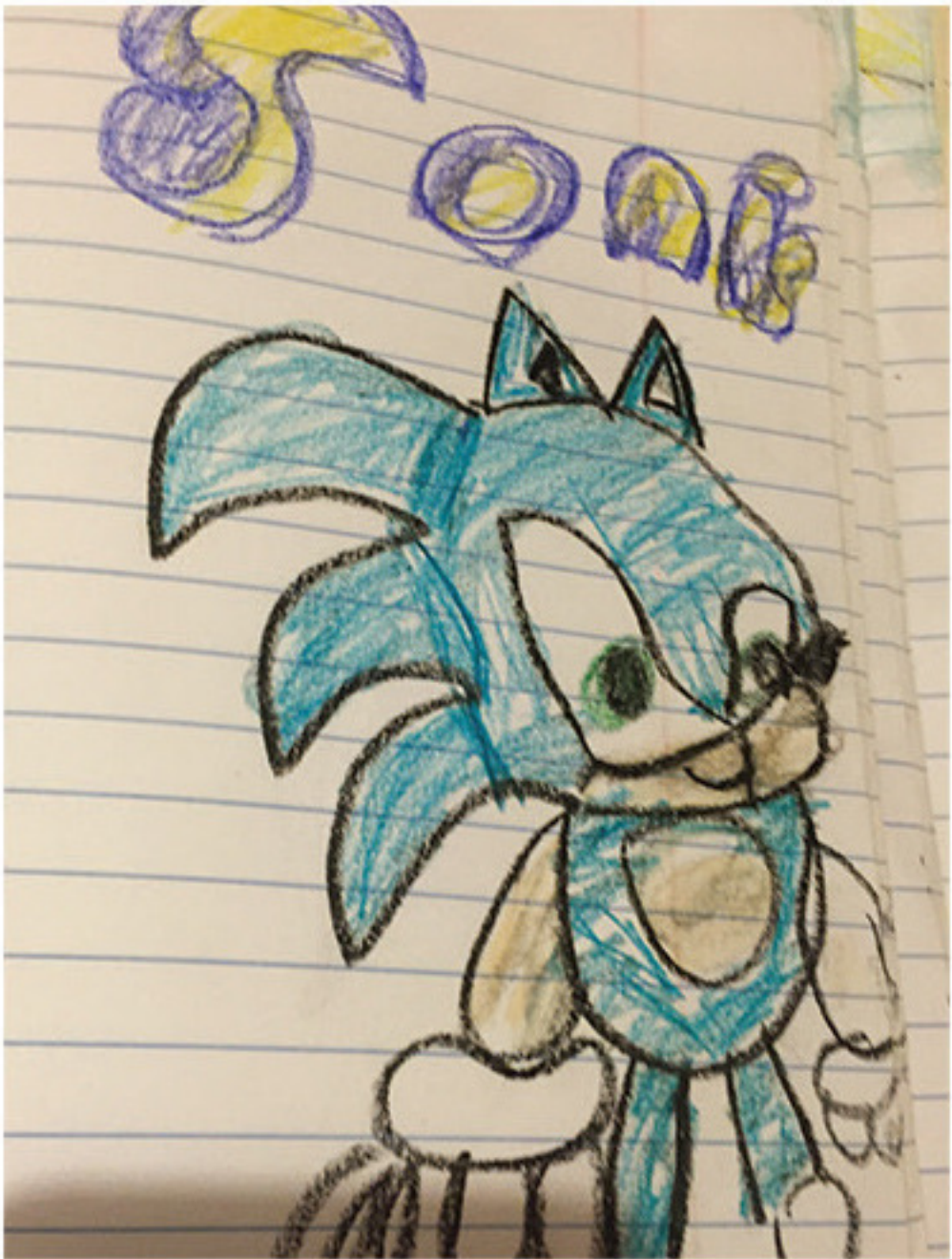


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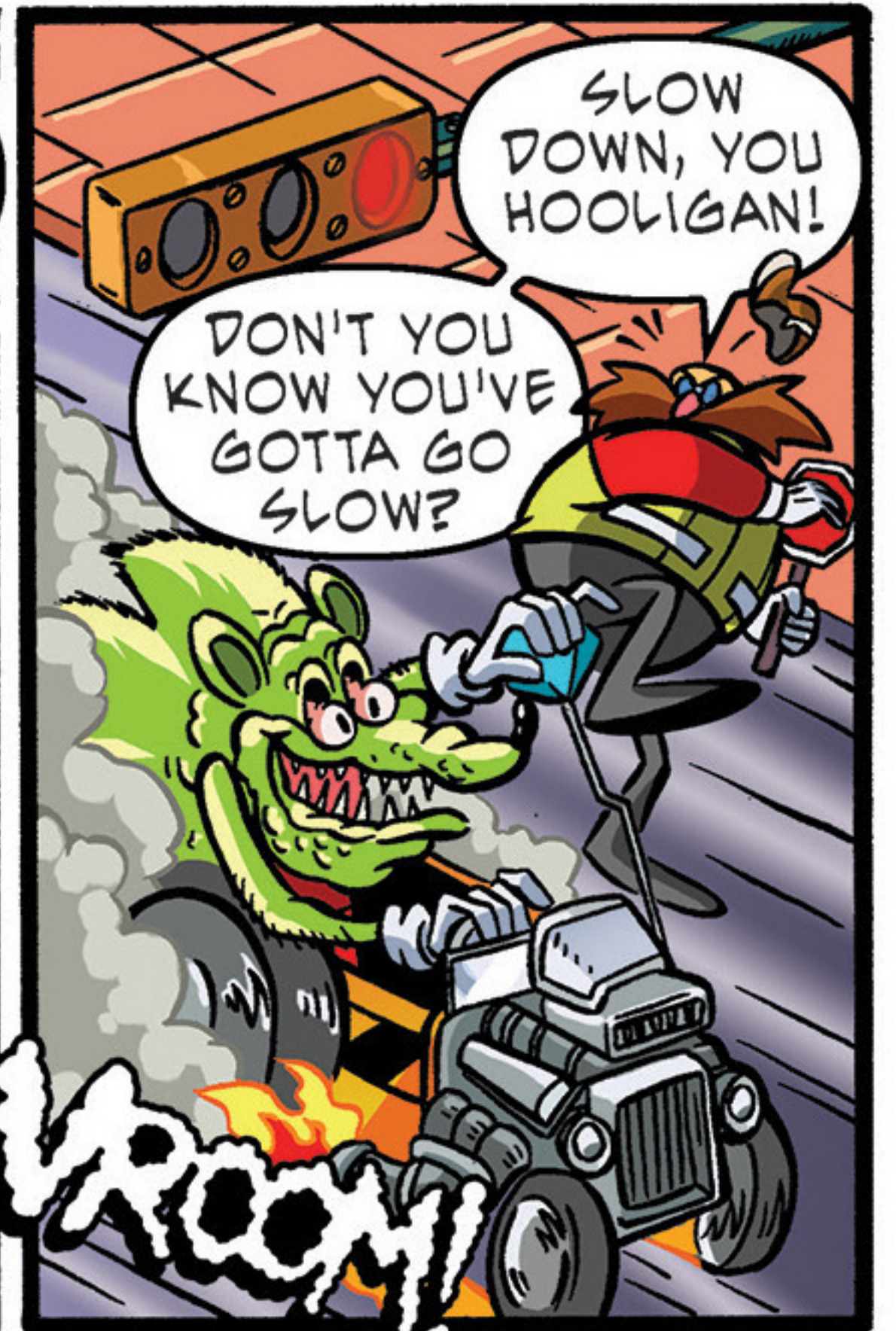
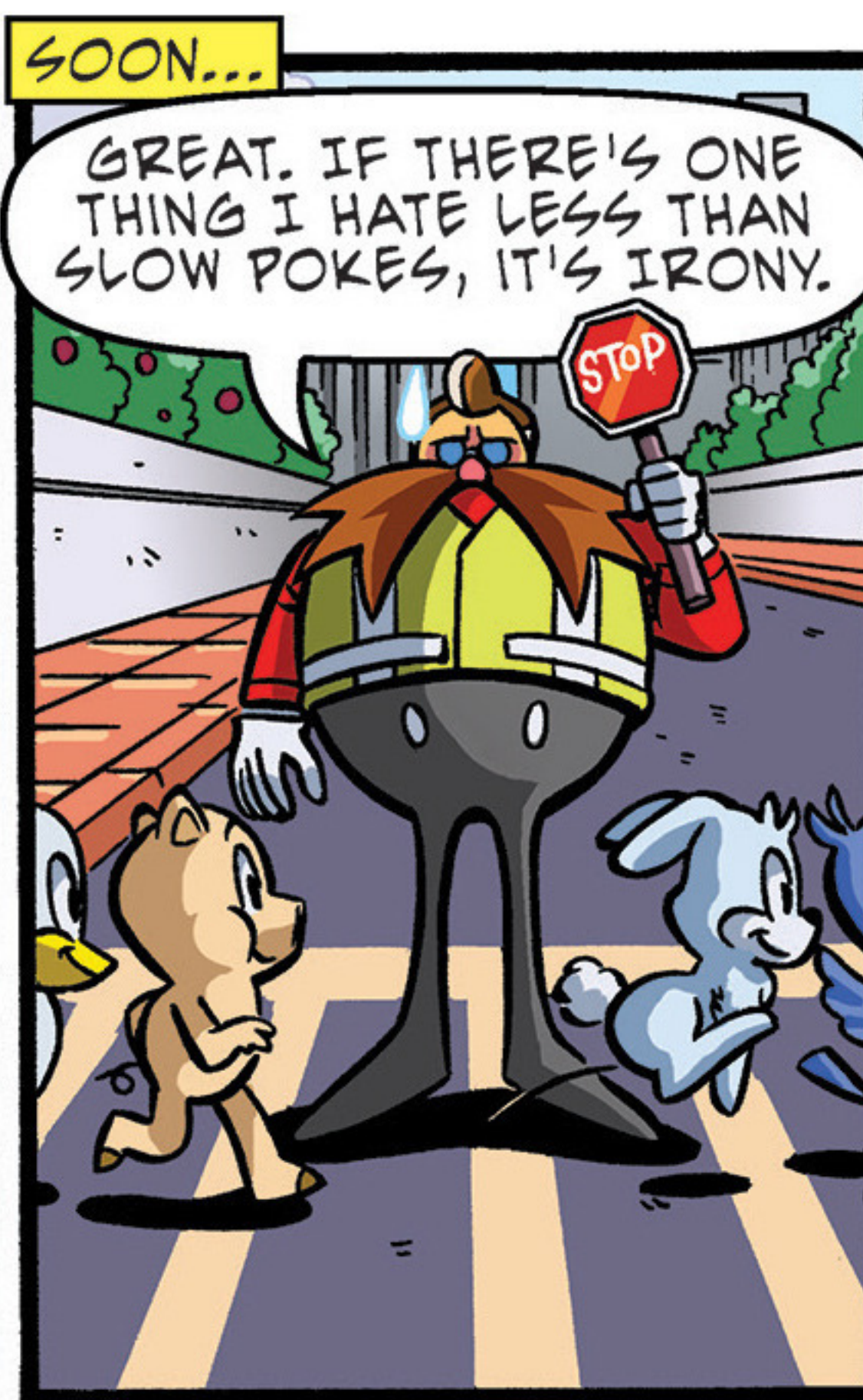


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